

Salem Lamartine 11:00 1/12/69

\*Processional Hymn 7  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Matthew 7: 13-29  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

Rev. Hiack next Sun. because of Gr.

BOB WEAVER AFTER CHURCH

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 126  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 213  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

St. John Emlenton 9:30 1/12/69

\*Processional Hymn 4  
\*Choral Call To Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Pg. 565 Sel 12  
Hymn 20  
Scripture Matthew 7: 13-29  
Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Announcements

Rev. Hiack next Sunday because of Gr.

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 191  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 466  
Benediction  
Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 3, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
\*The Hymn of Praise 426  
\*The Call to Worship  
\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy  
loving kindness; according to the multitude of  
Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and  
cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge  
our transgressions, and our sin is ever before  
us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and re-  
new a right spirit within us, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.  
\*The Kyrie  
\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Scripture---Matthew 7:13-29  
\*The Gloria Patri  
The Pastoral Prayer  
Announcements  
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
\*The Doxology  
\*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
The Hymn of Meditation 423  
The Sermon--"Standing At The Crossroads"  
The Sermon Prayer  
\*The Hymn of Response 423  
\*The Benediction  
\*The Threefold Amen  
\*The Postlude

\*Denotes Congregation Standing

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have Communion next Sunday January  
10th. Rev. James Gold will exchange pulpits  
with your pastor.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies of the Church will meet Thursday  
January 7th at 7:30 P.M. Bring sand paper  
and wear old clothes to make pictures for  
the folks at the County Home.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory Meeting Monday January 4th at 8:00  
P.M.

Win-A-Chum Class will meet at Mary Louise  
Dowdick's on Friday January 8th at 7:30 P.M.  
Miss Esther Spease will be in charge.

Mr. J. D. Strickland will be at the consistory  
meeting to discuss the organ. Please note that the  
time of the meeting has been changed to 7:30 to  
make it possible for Mr. Strickland to leave Dun-  
cannon a little earlier to travel to Lewistown.  
Any and all of the congregation are invited to at-  
tend this meeting to hear the proposals concerning  
the organ. So if you are interested please come.

SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ICKESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
PASTOR JAMES H. GOLD, 433-3232  
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 10, 1971

THE 9:30 SERVICE (LUTHERAN)

The Prelude	
*The Processional Hymn	425
*The Service, Pages 9-14	
The Introit and Collect, Page 51	
The Lesson, Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7	
The Epistle, Romans 12: 1-5	
The Hallelujah, Page 15	
*The Gospel, Luke 2: 41-52	
(Gloria Tibi and Laus Tibi)	
*The Apostles Creed, Page 17	
The Hymn	46
The Sermon	
*The Offertory, Page 17, The Offering	
*The Benediction	
*The Recessional Hymn	264
*Silent Prayer and *The Postlude	

THE 10:45 SERVICE (JCC)

The Prelude (Lighting the Candles)	
*The Hymn	329
*The Solemn Declaration and *Invocation	
The Scripture, Luke 2: 41-52	
*The Gloria Patri	493
The General Prayer and Prayer Response	501
The Anthem - <i>ANNUNCIATION</i>	
The Offering, Offertory, *Offering Response	258
The Hymn	322
The Sermon	
*The Lord's Prayer	
*The Hymn	
*The Benediction, Threefold Amen, Postlude	319
*Congregation stands	

The flowers on the Lutheran altar were presented to the Glory of God by the Loyal Daughters.

We welcome Rev. Ralph Link to our service this morning.

Today Pastor Gold is conducting Holy Communion services at New Bloomfield and Duncannon.

Lutheran choir practice will be held this afternoon at 1:30 PM. Plans are being made to organize a youth choir, so cooperation of youth and parents will be appreciated.

JCC choir practice Wednesday evening.

Willing Workers covered dish supper to reveal the Secret Pairs will be January 15th at 7:00 PM. Members bring covered dish other than dessert.

An organizational meeting for confirmation class will be held January 23rd at 10:00 AM in the Lutheran Church.

Reception for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Toney Hockenberry will be held January 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

WCTU meeting January 26th at 7:30 PM in the Lutheran Church.

Council meeting February 7th.

CONSISTORY MEETING TONITE  
7:30



## Standing At The Crossroads

Text: Matthew 7: 13,14

"Enter by the narrow gate, since the road that leads to perdition is wide and spacious, and many take it; but it is a narrow gate and a hard road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

"To every man there openeth a way and ways and a way;  
And the high soul treads the high way, and the low soul gropes the low;  
And in between on the misty flats the rest drift to and fro;  
But ~~to~~ every man there openeth a high way and a low;  
And every ~~man~~ man decideth the way his soul should go."

These words were penned by John Oxenham the British novelist. As we stand at the very beginning of another year we can count off the months and the weeks that lie ahead and ponder just what they will hold for each of us. This is a very sobering thought when one thinks of all the possibilities that there are. We may <sup>well</sup> ask, will I be healthy, will I stay steadily employed, will I be able to meet my obligations, and so on? But this is a new year. A chance to undo perhaps some of the things we have done. A chance to get right with everything and everyone. To get right with our God.

To every man there openeth a way and ways and a way; This is the point at which we stand in this very young new year. In other words we can look at the year stretching before us, and in our minds eye we can visualize the high way, the low way and the middle way. ~~Which way~~ To use a play on words, which way will it be for us?

<sup>LAZINESS & A J- WHAT ATTITUDE</sup>  
The low way is the way of ~~ease and~~ comfort. It is the way of those who feel they are just common people. People who make up the majority of the world, and who notices them or cares about them anyhow? We may as well just take life as it comes because we can't do anything about it anyhow. This in short is the philosophy of this group. But is anyone doomed to a life of mediocrity? Not according to Jesus. He said that God knows and cares about each of His sheep. If one goes astray He still seeks him and tries to bring him back into the fold.

The middle way is the way of doing just enough to get by. A striving, but not too hard. A certain amount of time and energy must be expended but



not too much now. This is the basic philosophy of this group. Don't you know people who are like this? Our young people know some of these people in school. They just do enough to get by, but if they strove a little harder they could conceivably move up a notch higher. Don't you and I as adults know people like this? Of course we do, they are people ~~xxx~~ something like you and I.

Then there is the high way. Not a road mind you but a high way. Above the rest in other words. These are the people who are probably looked upon by those in the lower groups as idealists. As dreamers perhaps. Call them what you will, but these are the people who are not content to just be mediocre. They are striving and trying and their philosophy is that there is still more to be done. The job is not finished. This is what Jesus was saying when He said, "Enter by the narrow gate, since the road that leads to perdition is wide and spacious, and many take it; but it is a narrow gate and a hard road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Jesus gives us two choices and the poet gives us three. But regardless whether it is two or three it is only one that counts. If we follow the other choice that is left to us or the other two we are losers. We can't win unless we join the ranks of those striving for the high way. But here again we have the choice. We can choose to become complete followers of Jesus, or we can be half hearted followers and more or less say to Him, "Your rules and regulations for life are o.k. but I can only follow you half way." This in effect is what we are saying when we cease to strive for the high way.

Striving for the high way is the difference between the hard and the easy. It is always easier to flow with the tide. To drift through life and never strive to reach higher. But it takes determination and effort to take the hard way out. In today's society we want to do things the easy way. This is good up to a point. But when we reach the point that we want everything done for us or handed to us with no effort on our part, then we have reached the point of no turn. Look at all the civilizations that have been great powers and see just what caused their downfall from greatness. It was the love of luxury and ease in most cases. Look at us today. We want everything done for us. We want our food pre-cooked, pre-wrapped and next we will want it prechewed so all we need do is



swallow. We want to be entertained. When a lot of us were children we could entertain ourselves for hours. Now our children can't entertain themselves for five minutes. They get bored so easily. There is nothing to do they say. But there is some hope. If we can get back into the groove and strive to reach a little higher, we can overcome a lot of this seeking for ease and luxury. There is nothing wrong with a little ease and luxury, but we tend to go too far. It stunts our growth spiritually. Because after all why do I need God when all I need do is push some buttons and I get immediate results. Or I can go to any store and provide myself with all the necessities of life. So why look for providence, when it is around the corner in a store. But those stores and those buttons on our machines can't take care of us when we leave it all behind. But Jesus can and He promised us that we can enter the narrow gate if we so choose. This is reason enough to seek the high way. To strive above and beyond ourselves for the things that are spiritual. We can still be in this world, but we need not be of it. Not completely anyhow. We can live and enjoy life, <sup>BECAUSE BEING A CHRISTIAN IS FUN & NOT ALL SERIOUSNESS</sup> but still belong to Jesus.

Then seeking the high way is the difference between the disciplined and the undisciplined way. Nothing was ever achieved without discipline. To become a great pianist requires hours and hours of practice. To be a great football player requires hours and hours of passing and kicking. The comedian Jack Benny as most people know is not the <sup>BAD</sup> ~~bum~~ violinist he pretends to be. He has played the violin all his life and he <sup>FREQUENTLY</sup> ~~even~~ gives concerts. On an interview program <sup>I HEARD</sup> ~~recently~~ he made the remark that he still practices about three or four hours a day. And he is 74 <sup>ABOUT</sup> and could very easily sit down and relax. But he strives to be better. A roommate of Roberto Clemente's one of the stars of the National baseball league, tells of the days when they were amateur players back in their native Puerto Rico. He said that in the evening when they had gone to bed, Roberto would hold a ball in his hand and for hours on end he would bounce it against the wall and catch it, and throw it again and catch it. He would do this sometimes almost all night long. To watch him <sup>TODAY</sup> catch a ball is a thing of beauty. He catches it with no effort at all. All of this took discipline. A willingness to keep in shape. You and I may marvel at the ~~recent~~ space flights. Yet the men who performed <sup>THEM</sup> ~~it~~ think of it as only routine. Part of their duty. Yet this very day the men who are to be <sup>NEXT</sup> ~~sent~~ to



to land on the moon in ~~mid July~~ are training for that flight. In other words they are being disciplined for the events that lie ahead of them.

Here again we are lax in our society today. We lack discipline. We dare not administer it in too many of our schools for fear that the parents of some children will take action against the teacher or principal. We do not use discipline in our Churches as was used in the old days because we would lose members. So you see we have no one to blame but ourselves. We expect to raise the present generations without using discipline on them. We refuse to discipline ourselves in our lives or for that matter in our religion. ~~I had a discussion with one of our members in just last night on this very subject.~~ Christianity is not rejected because what it teaches is wrong. It is rejected because what it presents to us is that in many areas we are wrong and therefore it hits us where it hurts so we do not want to accept it. It tells us to live a certain way and we do not want to give up our nice little way of living so we throw it out.

But again we must look at the ~~remaining~~ <sup>AND DAYS AHEAD</sup> months ~~in~~ this year ~~and~~ and decide if we are going to be different. If we are going to change. Each December 31st we greet a new year. A year that is completely and entirely different from the last. Yet how many of us become or even want to become new or different? If we are so called Christians we should want to change some of our old habits and ways. Some of the things that perhaps have kept us from the narrow gate that Jesus spoke of. It is not too late for each of us to resolve to turn over that new leaf and to greet the rest of this new year with a changed outlook. With a changed thinking and with a striving to be a new person.

"To every man there openeth a way and ways and a way;

And the high soul treads the high way, and the low soul gropes the low;

And in between on the misty flats the rest drift to and fro;

But to every man there openeth a high way and a low;

And every man decideth the way his soul should go."

Which way will we decide to go ~~in 1969?~~?

Let us pray.



SALEM LAMARTINE 9:30 1/28/68

Prelude  
\*Processional Hymn 329  
\*Call to Worship Pg 129  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Matt. 3:13-17, 16:13-17,  
" 17:1-8  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Cathedral Choir address.

YOUTH FELL. 6:30

Offering, Response, Prayer  
\*Hymn 262  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 158?  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

St. John's Emlenton 11:00 1/28/68

Prelude  
\*Processional Hymn 43  
\*Call to Worship Pg. 129  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Pg. 569 Sel. 16  
Hymn 198  
Scripture Matt. 3:3-7, 16:13-17,  
" 17:1-8  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Boy scout Sunday Feb. 11

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
PRESB. 7:30 AM.

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 274  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 158 ?  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
Postlude

Call to Worship: The Lord reigneth, let the earth  
rejoice: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation  
for our sins: and not only for our sins, but also the  
sins of the whole world. The grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with us all. Amen

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MRS. ~~COPPIN~~ COPLIN VISITING  
MR. & MRS. DONALD CLARK

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YOUTH GROUP?

SUNDAY AFTER CONF.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 24, 1972

The Organ Prelude

\*The Hymn of Praise 43

\*The Call to Worship

\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we thy wayward children do make humble confession of our shortcomings and our sin. All we like sheep have gone astray and have turned every one to his own way. We have lived too much to ourselves and not unto thee. We have not loved our brethren as we ought, nor faithfully followed our Master in unselfish service. But wilt thou pardon all our offenses. Create within us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. May we go on our way with gladness, assured of thy compassion; and forgetting the things which are behind, may we reach forth unto those things which are before; pressing toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*The Kyrie

\*The Assurance of Pardon

The Scripture--Matthew 3:13-17; 16:13-17; 17:1-8

\*The Gloria Patri

\*Nicene Creed (Page 24 Hymnal)

The Pastoral Prayer

Announcements *ELECTION*

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

\*The Doxology

\*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Meditation 274

The Sermon--The Apostles Creed--Our Faith

"And in Jesus Christ His Only Begotten Son,  
 Our Lord."

The Sermon Prayer

\*The Hymn of Response 271

\*The Benediction

\*The Threefold Amen

\*The Postlude

\*Donates Congregation Standing

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The joint Consistory will meet at Trinity today at 2:00 P.M.

Confirmation Class today at 5:00 P.M.

On Feb. 7th Christ Church will worship at 9:00 A.M. and Trinity Church at 10:30 A.M.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second service for week of prayer for Christian Unity will be held tonight in Trinity Methodist at 7:30 P.M. Father William Sullivan is the speaker. Please plan to attend.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of officers next Sunday Jan. 31st.



## JESUS THE SON

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TEXT:

MAT OF US PROBABLY KNOW FAIRLY WELL THE LIFE OF CHRIST. THE THING HE DID AND SAID AND MOST OF THE EVENTS OF HIS LIFE. THEREFORE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE CONCERNED WITH THESE PARTICULARS ABOUT CHRIST. INSTEAD WE ARE GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT HE WAS LIKE AS A PERSON. WHAT HIS PERSONALITY WAS LIKE, WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE, AND WHAT TYPE OF PERSON HE ACTUALLY WAS. THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS ARE WHAT WE WILL BE THINKING OF THIS MORNING. AGAIN LET ME SAY THAT THIS IS MY INTERPRETATION OF JESUS CHRIST. I BASE THIS ON WHAT I HAVE READ, WHAT I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, AND THE CONCLUSIONS I HAVE REACHED BY COMBINING THESE TOGETHER. THEREFORE WHAT I STATE HERE THIS MORNING MUST BE ACCEPTED FOR WHAT IT IS, AN INTERPRETATION OF CHRIST AS I SEE HIM.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE WONDERED ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL LOOKS. WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE? HOW TALL WAS HE? WHAT WAS THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR AND HIS EYES? THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INTERPRETATIONS OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS FOR OR CARVED BY MANY ARTISTS. FOR THE MOST PART I FEEL THEY ARE NOT TRUE PORTRAITS OF HIM. A GOODLY NUMBER OF THEM SHOW HIM AS BEING RATHER WEAK, EFFEMINATE AND HANDLESS. I DON'T BELIEVE HE WAS ANY OF THESE THINGS. I THINK OF HIM AS BEING A POWERFUL MUSCULAR PERSON. HE ALMOST HAD TO BE IF HE WORKED AT THE CARPENTER TRADE. HE ALSO HAD TO BE STRONG TO WITHSTAND THE WIGGLES OF TRAVEL AND THE WEATHER THAT HAD TO BE ENDURED. HE PROBABLY ENJOYED A GOOD DAYS WORK. THE SATISFACTION THAT COMES FROM DOING A JOB AND KNOWING THAT IT WAS DONE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. MOST LIKELY HE ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIS HANDS. THE CARPENTER TRADE WOULD REQUIRE THIS, AND THEN TOO THERE WERE SO MANY SAVING TOOLS AND DEVICES. EVERYTHING WAS DONE THE HARD WAY. I THINK OF HIM AS HAVING BIG WORK WORN HANDS. HANDS THAT COULD GRIP LIKE A VISE IF NECESSARY, OR COULD BE LAID GENTLY ON SOMEONE TO HEAL. EXPRESSIVE HANDS THAT COULD HOLD TO HOLD A PICTURE OF WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SAY. AS FOR THE BODY OF HIMSELF

HE PROBABLY LOOKED LIKE MOST OF THE JEWISH MEN OF HIS DAY. HOWEVER THIS IS IRRELEVANT.

HIS PERSONALITY MUST HAVE BEEN VERY UNIQUE. HE WAS ABLE TO TALK TO THE WEALTHY AS THOUGH HE WERE FAR SUPERIOR TO THEM. WE KNOW THAT HE WAS, BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF HIS DAY HE PROBABLY APPEARED AS A NOBODY BY HIS DRESS AND APPEARANCE. HE WAS ABLE TO HOLD NOB WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE LOWEST DEGREE AND HE SEEMED TO FIT RIGHT IN WITH THEM. THIS SHOWS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH ALL CLASSES OF PEOPLE AND NOT TAKE SIDES OR MAKE EXCEPTIONS. HE DIDN'T CARE WHETHER A PERSON WAS RICH OR POOR. HE TREATED THEM BOTH THE SAME. IN FACT HE PROBABLY TREATED THE WEALTHY WITH A LITTLE DISDAIN AND DISRESPECT BECAUSE OF THE TENDENCY OF SOME OF THEM TO LOOK DOWN ON THE POOR.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN QUICK WITTED AS WITNESSED BY THE QUICK RESPONSE HE USUALLY MADE TO HIS ACCUSERS. ALMOST ANYONE WHO SPEAKS OR EXHIBITS PUBLICLY ENCOUNTERS THIS FROM TIME TO TIME, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON THERE IS *ENCOUNTERS* SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HACKLES THE SPEAKER. THIS WAS TRUE IN THE DAYS OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY ALSO. WHEN HE SPoke THESE HACKLERS WERE IN THE FORM OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS EQUAL TO THE OCCASION. DO YOU RECALL THE INCIDENT WHEN CHRIST ENTERED THE TEMPLE AND THE ELDERS AND THE SCRIBES ASKED HIM BY WHAT AUTHORITY HE WAS TEACHING. JESUS ANSWERED THEM WITH A QUESTION ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST, WHICH WAS A TWO SIDED QUESTION. NO MATTER WHAT THEY ANSWERED IT WOULD CAUSE A REACTION EITHER FOR JESUS OR THE PEOPLE. SO THEY ANSWERED THEY DIDN'T KNOW AND JESUS TOLD THEM WHATEVER WOULD HE ANSWER THEIR QUESTION. THIS REQUIRES A QUICK WIT TO BE ABLE TO SILENCE HACKLERS SUCH AS THIS.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT CHRIST HAD A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT THINK THIS BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE READ IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IS SAID SO UNHUMOROUSLY. *SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO THINK OF HIM AS BEING COMPLETELY SERIOUS.* BUT THERE ARE PLACES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ACCOUNTS WHICH ARE HUMOROUS. IN FACT THERE IS A BOOK WRITTEN ON JUST THIS VERY THING. IT'S CALLED, "THE HUMOR OF CHRIST." BEFORE WE LOOK AT ONE SUCH VERSE THAT IS FOUND IN MATTHEW WE SHOULD CLARIFY SOMETHING. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NATIVE TONGUE WHICH JESUS SPOKE WAS ARAMAIC. BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS A

GALILEAN HE PROBABLY SPOKE GREEK AS WELL, BECAUSE ALL GALILEANS SPOKE GREEK. NOW WHEN BIBLICAL SCHOLARS WERE TRANSLATING MANUSCRIPTS FROM GREEK INTO ARAMAIC, IT WAS DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT THAT SEVERAL OF THE SAYINGS OF JESUS INVOLVED A PLAY ON WORDS OR A PUN. THE JEWISH PEOPLE LOVED PUNS AND THEREFORE IT IS THOUGHT THAT JESUS DID INDEED USE PUNS WITH SEVERAL OF HIS SAYINGS. ONE SUCH VERSE IS FOUND IN MATTHEW 23:24. JESUS SAYS, "YOU BLIND GUIDES, STRAINING OUT A Gnat AND SWALLOWING A CAMEL." HE WAS TALKING TO THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES. NOW IN ENGLISH THIS VERSE SEEMS RATHER IMPOSSIBLE. BUT IN ARAMAIC THE WORD FOR GNAT IS, "GALMA". AND THE WORD FOR CAMEL IS, "GALLA". SO USING THESE TWO WORDS IN THIS VERSE WE CAN PERHAPS SEE THE HUMOR. "YOU BLIND GUIDES, STRAINING OUT A GALLA AND SWALLOWING A GALLA."

IN THE MUSICAL COMEDY, "MY FAIR LADY," PROFESSOR HIGGINS TAKES MISS DOOLITTLE TO A BALL TO SEE IF SHE CAN PASS FOR ROYALTY. AFTER THE BALL HE IS EXPLAINING HOW SHE WAS RECEIVED. HE TELLS OF THIS HUNGARIAN PRINCE AND HIS DISCRPTION OF HER THAT <sup>"HE SAID HIS LAY A-CROSS THE FLOOR"</sup> ~~HE WAS SAYING SHE WAS COULD CARRY INTO EVERY WORD.~~ THIS IS A VERY DISCRPTIVE PHRASE. I THINK THIS PHRASE FITS JESUS FAIRLY WELL. IT'S A CRUDE EXAMPLE TO BE APPLIED TO CHRIST TO BE SURE. BUT HE MUST HAVE MORE OR LESS JUST OZZED WITH CHARM. HE WAS ABLE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE WHEREVER HE WENT. EVEN WHEN HE TRIED TO AVOID THE PEOPLE AND GO OFF BY HIMSELF THEY HOBLED HIM. HE MUST HAVE HAD A MAGNETIC TYPE OF PERSONALITY THAT DREW PEOPLE TO HIM. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYTHING OUTSTANDING SUCH AS HIS DRESS OR SPEECH BECAUSE THESE WERE THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE USED IN THOSE DAYS. SOMETHING ABOUT HIM MADE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE HIM AND HEAR HIM AND BE NEAR HIM. AND HERE AGAIN HE DIDN'T REJECT ANYONE. HE SHOWED HIS LOVE TO THEM INSTEAD. HERE IS ANOTHER PART OF HIS PERSONALITY, HIS ABILITY TO LOVE. HE LOVED EVERYONE AND HE SHOWED IT.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS MORE POLISHED AND BETTER EDUCATED THAN MOST PEOPLE GIVE HIM CREDIT. HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK HOW HE CAME TO KNOW ALL THAT HE DID? HOW WAS IT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO PREACH AS HE DID AND ON THE SUBJECTS HE USED WITHOUT ANY FORMAL EDUCATION? HIS PARENTS WERE NOT WELL EDUCATED, ESPECIALLY IN RELIGION AND THEREFORE THEY COULDN'T



HAVE PASSED THIS ON TO HIM. MANY SCHOLARS BELIEVE THAT HE UNDERWENT SOME FORMAL SCHOOLING. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE REASON WHY THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE YEARS BETWEEN 12 AND 30 IS BECAUSE HE WAS STUDYING TO BE A RABBI. THE REASONING FOR THIS IS TWOFOLD. FIRST ALL RABBIS HAD TO LEARN A TRADE AS WELL AS BEING A RABBI. THE RABBIS WERE THE TEACHERS OF THE JEWS. IT WAS NOT PERMISSIBLE FOR THEM TO ACCEPT MONEY FOR TEACHING. THEREFORE IN ORDER FOR THEM NOT TO BE DISTURBED BY MONEY FOR TEACHING THEY WERE ADVISED TO HAVE A TRADE THAT WOULD SUSTAIN THEM INSTEAD. CHRIST HAD A TRADE AND HE WAS REARDED IN RELIGION, HENCE THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE PERHAPS WAS A RABBI. THE SECOND REASON FOR THIS THOUGHT IS THE FACT THAT ALL RABBIS HAD ACCESS TO CERTAIN BOOKS BESIDES THE TORAH. THESE BOOKS WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE JEWISH LAYMAN. THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES WHERE CHRIST MAKES A POINT USING AN ILLUSTRATION FROM ONE OF THESE BOOKS. SOME OF THESE ARE: THE TEACHING ABOUT SERVING GOD AND MANKIND, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH, THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FARMER, THE PARABLE OF THE FIRST SEEDS AT THE FEAST, AND THE PARABLE OF THE RICH WIDOW. ALL OF THESE EXAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM THE AGURRYHA AND THE AGURRYHA WAS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE RABBIS.

ALL OF SCRIPTURE WAS DIVINE.

^ WE COULD LIST MANY OTHER ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS. HE COULD SAY HE WAS KING, HE WAS POOR, HE WAS POWERFUL, DYNAMIC, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL AND MANY MORE THINGS. HE COULD BE ANGRY, HE COULD BE QUIET, AND JUST A LOOK OR A GLANCE WOULD SERVE AS HIS ANSWER. THIS AND ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE MY INTERPRETATION OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS IS THE CHRIST I FEEL TO PRESENT TO YOU DURING MY STAY HERE. THIS IS THE CHRIST I BELIEVE IN. NOT SOME RICHY RICHY WEARLING AFRAID TO DO OR SAY SOMETHING. A STRONG DETERMINED PERSON WILLING TO RISK ALL FOR A CAUSE. A PERSON WHO DIDN'T SPECIFY WHAT YOU NEEDED TO WEAR WHEN YOU CAME TO SEE HIM. HE DOESN'T CARE IF YOU COME HERE IN OVERALLS. IF THIS IS THE BEST WE HAVE TO WEAR HE WILL WELCOME US. I HEARD ~~RECENTLY~~ <sup>WAS TOLD</sup> OF A CHURCH ~~IN THIS COUNTRY~~ <sup>BACK HOME</sup> WHERE A MAN WHO WORE COAT CLOTHES TO CHURCH WAS TOLD TO WEAR A SUIT. IF SHORT CLOTHES IS ALL THAT WE HAVE THEN BY ALL MEANS THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD WEAR. I DENY ANYONE TO SHOW ME ANYPLACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHERE IT SAYS WE SHOULD WEAR A SUIT AND TIE TO CHURCH.

AS LONG AS WHAT WE WEAR IS THE BEST THAT WE HAVE IT NEED NOT MATTER WHAT IT IS. I RECALL DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR A MAN CAME TO CHURCH WITH HIS LUNCH BOX UNDER HIS ARM AND DRESSED IN WASH. OLD CLOTHES. AFTER CHURCH HE WENT TO WORK IN A PAW PLANT. NO ONE THOUGHT ANYTHING ABOUT THIS. I'M SURE GOD DIDN'T FEEL SLIGHTED. AT LEAST THE MAN THOUGHT ENOUGH OF GOD TO COME AND WORSHIP HIM. AND ISN'T THIS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR BEING HERE? WE COME HERE NOT TO SHOW OFF OUR CLOTHES, NOT TO HAVE A VISIT WITH OUR NEIGHBOR, BUT TO WORSHIP GOD. AND THEN TOO WE SHOULD NOT REJECT ANYONE FROM JOINING WITH US AS LONG AS THEY ARE SINCERE AND WILLING TO ACCEPT CHRIST. CHRIST PLACED NO RESTRICTIONS ON WHO COULD ACCEPT HIM. HE DIDN'T SAY WE HAD TO LOOK A CERTAIN WAY, OR TALK A CERTAIN WAY OR EVER DRESS A CERTAIN WAY. ALL HE REQUIRES IS THAT WHEN WE ACCEPT HIM WE DO SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THAT WE SERVE HIM <sup>AND</sup> IF WILLINGLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. THIS IS THE CHRIST THAT I BELIEVE IN. THIS IS THE CHRIST I HOPE EACH ONE OF US HERE THIS MORNING BELIEVE IN. THIS IS THE CHRIST I LOVE AND I TRUST THIS IS ALSO THE CHRIST EACH OF YOU LOVE. HE HAS OURSELVES AND ALL WE HAVE TO CHRIST. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WE CAN GIVE TO CHRIST EXCEPT OUR LIVES. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OURSELVES. ANYTHING LESS IS NO GOOD. THE ONLY POSSIBLE THING WE CAN GIVE TO CHRIST IS OURSELVES. NOTHING LESS WILL DO. LET US EACH ONE COME TO THIS CHRIST TODAY AND GIVE OURSELVES TO HIM. IF WE ALREADY HAVE GIVEN OURSELVES TO HIM, THEN LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO HIM. BUT IN EITHER CASE LET US GIVE HIM OURSELVES.

THE WORDS OF A FAMILIAR HYMN SUM ALL OF THIS UP. "WHEN I SURVEY THE WILDERNESS CROSS ON WHICH THE PAINFUL DEATH OF JESUS LAY, MY RICHES WERE BUT LOSS, AND POOR CONTENT OF ALL MY TRAILS. WERE THE WHOLE REEL OF EARTHLY WINE, THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL: LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE, BEHOLD MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL. LET US PRAY.

Salem Lamentine 11:00 1/21/68

\*Processional Hymn /38  
\*Call to Worship Pg. 129  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture St. John 14:15-24  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering, Response, Prayer  
Announcements

YOUTH FELLO 6:30

SOLIST GROUP THURS 7:00

CATHEDRAL QUARTET FRI. 7:20

\*Hymn /90

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 3/7

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude

St. John Lamentine 9:30 1/21/68

Prelude  
\*Processional Hymn 382  
\*Call to Worship Pg 129  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
A Penitential Hymn Pg 363 Sel. 17  
Hymn 3/7  
Scripture St. John 14: 15-24  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Offering, Prayer  
Announcements

CATHEDRAL QUARTET

FRI. 7:30

FEB 11 5:30 SUNDAY

\*Hymn /88

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn /90

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Postlude



Call to Worship: How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, who dost freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace: remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Slate of officers; Elders: Joe Darlington Sr., George Robb, Paul Richard, Leon Howercox.  
Deacons: Paul Hair, Earl Lesh, Ralph Sailor, Edward Gantt, Joe Darlington Jr., Herb Robb.  
Deaconess: Martha Grenoble, ~~Joy Baker~~, Mrs. Ruth Robb.

Offering Prayer: O God, giver of all good, we give you thanks and praise for your bounty and the providence of the riches of your grace, we beseech you to graciously accept these gifts our offering and bless it through Jesus Christ our Lord ----

Call to Worship: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not ~~fatig~~ be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hear what assuring words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. And whosoever cometh to me I will in nowise cast out. Amen.

~~Worship Service~~ 7:17

CONISTERY 7:30 P.M.

PETITION FOR MORE MORAL REFINEMENT  
IN CHURCH

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 31, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
\*The Hymn of Praise 4  
\*The Call to Worship  
\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowl-  
edge and confess before Thee: Our sinful  
nature prone to evil and slothful in good;  
And all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou  
alone knowest how often we have sinned; In  
wandering from Thy ways; in wasting Thy gifts;  
in forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord,  
have mercy upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry  
for all wherein we have displeased Thee.  
Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from  
our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For  
the sake of Thy dear Son. Amen.  
\*The Kyrie  
\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Scripture----John 14:8-26  
\*The Gloria Patri  
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#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday Feb. 7th Christ Church will wor-  
ship at 9:00 A.M. and Trinity Church at 10:30  
A.M.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Consistory meeting will be held today at  
2:00 P.M. The nominations for consistory  
will be made as well as the other business  
at hand.

A Conference Meeting on aging will be held at  
Kebach Memorial Church on Thursday Feb. 4th  
at 7:30 P.M. Paul F. Hurley will be the  
leader. For complete information see the  
local newspapers. Transportation is available  
if needed. For the New Bloomfield, Centre,  
Carroll Area contact Frank L. Fry at 582-2820  
on or before Feb. 3rd.

## The Holy Spirit

June

Text: John 14: 16 & 17.

To talk about the Holy Spirit many times in Church and yet if I were to ask a dozen people here what the Holy Spirit is, I would get a dozen different answers. Everyone more or less has a different interpretation of the Holy Spirit. There is no harm in this because the Holy Spirit can be different things to different people. The thing that makes it hard to explain is the fact that the Holy Spirit is hard to accept. We can accept the fact that God is the Father. We can also accept the fact that Christ is God's Son. But we find it hard to accept the Holy Spirit because most of us do not understand it. But how do we explain this Holy Spirit? This is where most people become confused. If we use a simple analogy perhaps we can clear this up. The simplest explanation of the Trinity is the one which a friend of mine explained to me. If you will recall me to use myself as an example I would like to use it as a test. First of all I'm a Father. Certainly I'm a son because I had a father. Third I'm a husband. This makes me three separate individuals, but these three individuals are all in one person. Being these three people does not basically change me. I'm still the same person. I still keep my identity. Now this may clear up the Trinity, but I think we should define the Holy Spirit one step further.

In the account of Pentecost found in the 2nd chapter of Acts we encounter one version of the Holy Spirit. It states that suddenly there was a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house. and there appeared tongues of fire resting on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues. This is where perhaps some people get the idea that there has to be some sort of movement or action for the Holy Spirit to appear. This is true with a lot of the old fashioned revival meetings. The worshippers are encouraged to yell and shout and even roll on the floor. If this is the only way to have communion or be in touch with the Holy Spirit, then I think a lot of people have never been in touch with the Spirit. I hope that I have never encountered any of this motion or



electrical current passing through me, and yet I am satisfied that I have come into contact with the Holy Spirit. I do not think that it is necessary for everyone to have an emotional experience to be in touch with the Holy Spirit. This leads us to ask the question, just how do we come into contact with the Holy Spirit? Here again we must look at the words of Christ and see what He tells us. We read in our Scripture this morning about Christ telling His disciples about the Holy Spirit. He tells them, "The world cannot receive Him because the world neither sees nor knows Him; but you know Him because He dwells with you and is in you." At first reading this may seem to apply only to the immediate disciples to whom He is speaking. But we are also disciples of Christ and we can be assured that Christ includes us in this remark. Most of us probably do not feel or have felt that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us. Perhaps this thought may seem incorrect because we feel that God dwells in us, but isn't the Holy Spirit another form of God? Maybe we should have more thought as to the way in which the Holy Spirit comes to us or dwells in us.

Theologians have debated the Holy Spirit for many years. One says it is this, while another states it is something else. To me it is still a mystical elusive something which I cannot ~~completely~~ explain, but one thing I do believe and it is this. Now what I would like to say is what I believe and my thinking may not agree with many Theologians. But I believe that little voice we call our conscience is nothing more than the Holy Spirit. Have you ever thought of it this way? What prompts us to do the right? What is it that bothers us when we do something we shouldn't do? It's our conscience isn't it? Isn't it possible that this is the counselor or the advocate Christ promised to send? I firmly believe this, because our conscience as we call it doesn't tell us to do bad or evil things. On the contrary it tells us to do the good things and those things that are right. Because of this I feel the Holy Spirit is our conscience. But here again we must be willing to do God's will and <sup>BE</sup> receptive to His Spirit or the counselor or advocate does not come to us. Hardened criminals say they do not have a conscience. This is not only possible

but probable. If we refuse to let God want to be in us, and if we do not strive to commune with Him, then His Spirit certainly cannot dwell with us. It's like shutting this power off so we would turn off the radio. We can turn our minds from God and the Holy Spirit if we so desire. However we must be prepared for God and His Holy Spirit to keep after us for awhile. At least until we have hardened our hearts and the thing we call our conscience doesn't bother us anymore. Here again the choice is ours.

Another way that the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our individual ministry. Maybe you have never thought of your life as a ministry, but it is. And we meet other people and talk to them in part of our ministry. The Holy Spirit comes to minister out here again only if we are receptive to God and His will. I know for a fact that the Holy Spirit works this way. A long time ago this same pastor I referred to before told me that all preaching from the pulpit became prophetic preaching if it is based on Scripture and is preached for the glory of God. He stated that at this time the Holy Spirit speaks through the individual and guides him. The unbelievable thing to me is that what he stated is true. This happened week after week. I never knew he was guided at the things I say each week that are not written down here in my notes, nor were they ever thought in my mind when I wrote the sermon. Shirley can tell you the same thing. One Sunday morning we were traveling from one Church to the other and I asked her if she had noted something I had said. I was amazed at the amount of new material I had introduced that had not been written down. To prove it to her I let her read the sermon I had written and then compare it with what she heard me say. She was dumbfounded. This is something I can't explain except to say it's the Holy Spirit that works this way. Any one of you here this morning could experience this very same thing. *And you would need to be prepared to receive it. I would be willing to let that the Holy Spirit would speak through you too. <sup>1/2 hr</sup> of the <sup>1/2 hr</sup> of the <sup>1/2 hr</sup> of the* Follow in this way Ministry ~~process~~ say the same thing. It is a process of consent to anyone who has ever encountered the Holy Spirit this way. words simply

cannot express it. The United Church of Christ declared today, "The Holy Spirit has been the guiding spirit of the Christian Church down through the centuries. He is at work in the Church today. He has been at work through your Church School teacher and your pastor, teaching you what Jesus demands of His followers, and helping you to understand what is good and true." This is perhaps the simplest way we can look at the Holy Spirit and try to explain it. True it may be harder to what a 15 or 18 year old can comprehend, but I feel that the simplest explanation and the least involved answer is usually the best.

But there is one more point we need to bring out about the Holy Spirit. In the 18th chapter of Matthew Christ makes a statement about the Holy Spirit. He said, "And as I tell you this: no sin, no sin is beyond forgiveness for man, except sinning against the Spirit; and that will not be forgiven. Any man who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, for him there is no forgiveness either in this age or the age to come." There are several puzzling things about this verse we should examine very closely. The first thing is that if we speak against the Son of Man we can be forgiven. This is very interesting. <sup>in the Bible</sup> we would say there was a man. The Jewish people would say there was a son of man. The Hebrew phrase came out of the mouth of a man. Therefore it is thought that Christ was not speaking of Himself, but was using the Hebrew phrase meaning man. So if we speak against man we can be forgiven would be the gist of the first part of this verse. but to speak against the Holy Spirit is unforgivable. For Christ to say something is unforgivable is rather strange. Here is the <sup>ONE</sup> who is the Saviour, the one who can forgive all if we but come to Him and ask for forgiveness. But here again we need to explain something. Note the Interpreter's Bible and William Barclay's interpretation of the Gospel of Matt. point out that Christ was not talking of the Holy Spirit of the Trinity. At the time these words were spoken Pentecost was in the future. Therefore he was speaking of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit to the Jews was the Spirit of



God. This spirit brought God's truth to men and the Holy Spirit our God's way  
 OF revelation to men. Also the Holy Spirit enabled men to recognize and under-  
 stand the truth when they saw it. Christ was pointing out that a man can lose  
 the capacity and the ability to recognize goodness and truth when he over-  
 takes, if he shuts his eyes and ears to God and refuses to let God's message  
 come to him. A long period of living in this manner would bring a man to the  
 point where he cannot recognize good or evil. He would not be able to distin-  
 guish between the two. If he could not see the good and want to do it, or if  
 he could not see the evil and having done it want to repent, then repentance  
 would be impossible. So it follows that he could not be forgiven if he didn't  
 repent. This is the unforgivable sin Christ is talking about.

It is a known fact that we can only hear what we have trained  
 ourselves to hear. <sup>MUST</sup> We ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> constantly strive to listen to God so that his voice  
 may not grow fainter and fainter, but instead grow louder and louder until it  
 becomes the voice that thunders out all around. This voice should ring loud as a  
 bell in our lives, and it will if we set aside ourselves to God. The Holy Spirit  
 of the Jews and the Holy Spirit of the Trinity might be not exactly the same  
 thing, but I believe that they are closely related and have worked in man-  
 kind in practically the same way. But one thing is certain, we cannot have  
 either the Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit working in us and through us if  
 we turn ourselves from God. We must seek Him and He will not only come to  
 but dwell in our lives. ~~Let us seek Him.~~ <sup>Let us seek Him.</sup>

*NOT DEAD. HAVE IN A CAUSE SPREAD  
 2 1/2 THE AGE MEMORANDUM 150.  
 197 - 7000 ALEUTIC CARP. THREE FIVE.  
 SPREAD DARK STREET HUMAN GOTTEN IN THE LATERAL  
 DISTRICT 3 APPROX. MEANS 1 3/4 ACRES.  
 ON THE 1-16 SPREAD 3 MAY 15 SPREAD FOR 2 WIFE*

Salem Lomartine 11:00 2/4/68

\*Prelude  
\*Processional Hymn 239  
\*Call to Worship Pg. 7 (The Lord etc.)  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Ephesians 4: 1-16  
\*Gloria Patri  
Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Boy Scout Sunday Feb. 11

CONSISTENT MEETING MON 7:00

NO YOUTH MEET.

YOUTH SUBSTITUTION BOX

Offering, Response, Prayer  
\*Hymn 246  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 462  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

St. John Emerton 9:30 2/4/68

Prelude  
\*Processional Hymn 7  
\*Call to Worship Pg. 7 (The Lord etc.)  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Pg 566 Sel. 13  
Hymn 473  
Scripture Ephesians 4:1-16  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Boy Scout Sunday Feb. 11.  
Lenten Services

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 388  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 465  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 7, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 11  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 We confess unto thee, O God, how weak we are in ourselves, how powerless to do the work of life, how prone to selfishness and sin. We beseech thee to grant us strength, the strength of thy Spirit, the power of thy Christ, wherein we can do all things. Enable us thus to repress every selfish inclination, every wilful purpose, every unkind feeling, every thought and word and deed of anger and impatience, and to cherish perfect love, constant kindness, to think pure thoughts, to speak gentle words, to do helpful and generous deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture----Ephesians 4:1-24  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 The Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 254  
 The Sermon--"So I Ask Myself--Am I A Christian?"  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 249  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Missionary Circle will meet Tuesday Feb. 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Bessie Barrick.

Heidelberg Class meeting Tuesday Feb. 9th at 7:30 P.M. at the church.

Win-A-Chum class meeting Friday Feb. 12th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Dorothy Forrer. Mary Louise Dowdrick will have devotions.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting on Aging Feb. 10th at Reboch Memorial Church at 7:30 P.M.

The ladies of the Church will meet Thursday Feb. 11 at 7:30 P.M. Bring old sheets and plastic cleaners bags and own thimbles.

Election of Church officers will be held next Sunday Feb. 14th during the worship service.

Annual Congregation meeting and covered dish dinner will be held Sunday Feb. 21st at 6:30 P.M. Reports from all groups will be made. Please have a representative of your group there.

Miss Pauline Steops is recovering from surgery at the Carlisle Hospital. She is in Room 256 if you want to send a card. We wish her a very speedy recovery. Please remember her in your prayers.



## Am I a Christian?

Text; Ephesians 4:1

*So I Am Really - Am I A Christian*

Our sermon today is more or less a follow up of the one about Jesus Christ last week. These thoughts have been with me all week and the more I thought about it the more I felt that this should be our topic for today. We have examined the Trinity and what the Trinity means to us. But one main thought which I feel should be uppermost in our minds is the question, "Am I a Christian?" We thought of Jesus as the Son of God, and we know what He stands for. Let us sometimes are so matter of fact about Christianity I sometimes wonder if most of us really know what being a Christian is. This question should give us pause. Not only this morning, but many times in our lifetime. It should make us reflect about our lives. Therefore I would like to ask each of you this morning to think with me and ask ourselves the question, "Am I a Christian?" Does the life I live exemplify Him whose name I bear? Am I really and truly doing what I should and am I living as Christ wants me to live. No one can answer these questions for us. The burden of proof lies with each of us. There are three very definite points to consider to answer these questions. To really be a Christian we must be living, doing and being. Not necessarily in that order. These three adjectives to me best describe a Christian.

Being a Christian is more than just being a name on the church rolls. It means and implies that we are willing to be a Christian in all things. Not just on Sundays when our friends and neighbors can see us entering or leaving church. But each of the days of the week. A willingness to serve without reward and many times without anyone knowing it or seeing us perform our acts of being a Christian. To be a Christian is to be a different person because of it. Anyone can become angry when someone hurts us or does something to us. But take a real effort to remain calm and to forgive the failures of others. Anyone can join in the gossip about someone else and help to damage their name by adding a juicy tidbit of our own to what has already been said. But it takes

a real person to say something nice about the person in question, or even to defend that person's name. This is being a Christian. Naturally there are many other things we could add. These few things barely scratch the surface, but this should give us some idea of what being a Christian is.

Doing things as a Christian covers quite a large territory. It can mean doing some things that may seem unpleasant to us, but nevertheless it's part of our duty. To illustrate this I am reminded of a good friend of mine. Bill Bower is also involved in this Lay Ministry program. He is a pharmacist by profession. He has volunteered to make a study of the problem of drug abuse and to present this program to any Church group, civic group, or group of young people, or schools that perhaps want to avail themselves of this information. Because of the terrific job he has done on this he has recently won recognition by receiving the American Pharmaceutical Association's award for public education for 1967. But during this study he traveled to Lexington Kentucky to talk with and observe the drug addicts at the Federal Hospital there. He told me that before he ever met these addicts he never thought of them as individuals or as ordinary people. He said he thought of them as a group of nameless individuals. But when he met them and talked to them they took on a different meaning to him. They became individuals with names and families, wives and husbands and children. This is the way people should appear to us. If we should encounter someone who is an alcoholic for instance, he should not be merely a nobody to us, but we should consider him as a child of God. A child who needs our help and whatever we can do for him. Perhaps we may never encounter any of these situations, but we should remember that everyone no matter how rich or poor, no matter how young or old, and no matter what their circumstances they are all children of God. As children of God they are entitled to the same love and concern, the same care and help we would give to a loved one of our family. *JESUS SAID IT'S ONLY TO LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU NOT.* The love and concern that Christ taught us. This is being as a Christian.

Living as a Christian is perhaps where we can best show others what it is to be Christian. The old saying is that actions speak louder than

world - and in the name of Christianity nothing could be truer. Now we live our Christianity in what will move others to become Christians because that is what we say. Some people seem to feel that being a Christian sort of cripples their style in that they must be very sober, relate and very serious all the time. They feel that it is a dull and drab existence. ~~Some of us~~ <sup>THE FAMILY ~~STREET~~ & I</sup> who heard the Cathedral Quartet <sup>&</sup> heard one of the men say that we should wear a smile because we are Christians. We should be happy. I was glad to hear him make that remark because too often we try to be so sober and serious when we should be happy and full of life. We should love life to its fullest. <sup>See - 40</sup> We enjoy getting up in the morning and greeting a new day. <sup>SOME LIVES & MATHONS MAY DISAGREE</sup> It shouldn't make any difference whether it is raining, snowing or sunshine. We should thank God he has brought us to another day in which to serve him. We should enjoy every minute that we are permitted to live. Life should be enjoyable for us. Now this doesn't mean that our lives are going to be trouble free, or that we won't have problems. We will still have cares and concerns. But these problems and cares and concerns will not bother us if we have the proper outlook on life. If we feel that we belong to Christ and He is going to rule our lives, then our lives can become more livable. But it is up to each of us to change our outlook on life and Jesus will take us the rest of the way.

Our country today has many many people who do not have the basis of Christianity. This I believe is due to the fact that in most of the Churches throughout the land, ministers are preaching about Viet Nam, about politics, about the United Nations and all other social problems. They should instead be devoting their sermons to the Bible, to God and to Jesus Christ. Our Churches are filled with people who are hungry for spiritual food and Sunday after Sunday they go home still hungry to face another bleak week. And they have no idea how to cope with life and its problems. Billy Graham states in his book, "World Aflame", quote, "One of the great labor leaders of our country recently confided to a friend of mine, 'I go to Church on Sunday and all I hear is social advice, and my heart is hungry for spiritual nourishment.'" He also



states that a president of the United States said that he was sick and tired of hearing preachers give advice on international affairs when they did not have their facts straight. So you see what we need today across our land is for all preachers to start preaching the Gospel again and leave the state-  
 able to those qualified to be state-  
 men. Perhaps if this were to take place we would have a regrowth of religion in our nation and some of the lawlessness and disregard for the property of others would be greatly reduced. All of these social problems we can read in the newspaper and see on television and we certainly do not need to hear them in Church. People come to Church looking for the solution to their problems and the problem of life, and I think we should give them this solution, which is Jesus Christ and Christianity.

~~Just this past week I heard an advertisement for local magazine~~  
 AN ARTICLE IN LOOK SWIFTIME ALSO  
~~in the magazine. It told how Mrs. Farrow, the Beatles and other prominent people~~  
~~had found happiness and contentment by some sort of meditation or set forth by~~  
~~A GURU~~  
~~from India. It went on to say that this type of meditation~~  
 could bring peace and harmony to the world. I disagree whole heartedly with this thinking. There is only one solution to the problems of life. There is only one solution to the world's problems. That solution is Jesus Christ. No ordinary man or set of man made principles is going to bring peace and tranquillity anywhere. But the love of Jesus Christ is the heart of everyone still, and the willingness of everyone to live this Christian life will solve these problems.

~~The~~ A part of being a Christian requires us to tell others about Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that we don't light a candle and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick where it gives light and all can see it. This applies to our Christianity. We must spread it and show it. This is living it. We should be telling our friends and neighbors. We should ask them to join us in Church to see what we are talking about. William Barclay in his book the Gospel of Matthew volume 1 tells of a British battalion whose men came to church services and had to, sang hymns they liked, and listened to the preacher if he was interesting and left the Church alone for the rest of the week. But their hearts were won when an earthquake befall the city of Assis in

so impressed a Brahmin that he demanded immediate baptism. He said that only the Christian religion could make men behave as these men did. Then Mr. Barclay stated quote, "Our duty is not to talk to men about Jesus Christ, but to show men Jesus Christ. A saint has been defined as someone in whom Christ lives again. Every Christian must be a teacher and he must teach others what Christianity is, not by his words, but by his life." Unquote. This should be our aim and our goal in life. If we would each bring one other person to Jesus Christ think what an achievement for Christ's church this would be. It has been my experience that women are not ashamed to admit they are Christians. But men are. Not all men but some. I think the reason for this is the fact that as a rule men like to be thought of as being very masculine. To be thought of as being religious to some men is like being called a sissy. But here again the reverse is true. It takes more courage to stand up and show that we are Christians than it does to walk away and deny it. If we recall the story of the crucifixion we recall the incident of Peter denying that he was with Jesus or knew Him. He was ashamed of this afterward. Do you recall who it was who became such a living witness for Christ? It was Peter wasn't it? So I think none of us should ever be ashamed to stand up and say we are Christians. This is the only way we have of spreading the Gospel. This we must do not so much as a duty but as a joy to serve Christ. Our lives we owe to Him. Therefore we should be doing, being, and living as a Christian. Let us pray.

So I Ask Myself -- Am I A Christian?

temple  
Call to Worship: Let us come into His ~~sanctuary~~ with  
Thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to  
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unright-  
ness. Let us confess our sins to God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, absolve, remit, and forgive our transgressions:  
whether knowingly or unknowingly committed, in word,  
deed, or thought, whether by day or night. Pardon  
us all, for thou alone art merciful and lovest man-  
kind. Amen.

PRAYER NOTES: RACE RELATIONS,  
FOR STUDENTS  
FOR GUIDANCE & GUIDEN RACE

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FOR THE IN MEMORIAM OF  
JIMMY ASHERBACH



TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Hank, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 14, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 452  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Almighty God, as we cease not by our sins  
 daily to provoke thy wrath against us, grant  
 that we may at length know what we have hitherto  
 deserved, and become displeased with our  
 vices. Grant that we may really and from the  
 heart be turned to thee, and above all things  
 seek to be reconciled to thee and received into  
 thy favour. Rule us by thy Holy Spirit, and  
 confirm us in true obedience and godliness,  
 that we may share in the works of thy Kingdom,  
 and know the grace and joy thou hast so freely  
 given through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Luke 6:27-38  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 The Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements *Feb 14*  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 446  
 The Sermon---"Planting The Tree of Peace."  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 393  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Win-A-Chum Class meeting Friday Feb. 19th at  
 7:30 P.M. at the home of Dorothy Ferrer.  
 Mary Louise Dowdick will have devotions.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of the officers elected this  
 morning will be held during the worship  
 service next Sunday.

Annual Congregation Meeting and covered dish  
 dinner will be held next Sunday Feb. 21st  
 at 6:30 P.M. Reports from all groups will  
 be made. Please have a representative of  
 your group there.

Miss Pauline Stoops has now returned home  
 and is continuing to recuperate there. She  
 wishes to thank everyone for their well wishes  
 and prayers.

*Let's meet again 8 PM  
 Feb 14, 1971*

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Emlenton, Pennsylvania  
Boy Scout Sunday - February 11, 1968

Order of Worship

Prelude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Wilson  
"Faith of Our Fathers" Hughes

Processional Hymn No. 8-Last verse standing \*

\* Call to Worship -Don Sloan, III, Star Scout

\* Confession of Sin Page 4

\* Assurance of Pardon -Page 5

Responsive Reading, Selection 48, Page 596  
-Mark Jackson, Star Scout

Hymn No. 452

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 6:27-38  
-Bruce Donaldson, Tenderfoot scout

\* Gloria Patri

\* Apostles Creed

\* Prayer and Choral Response

Anthem - "What Have I to Offer Thee?" - Hughes

Announcements

Offertory

Hymn No. 446

Sermon: "The Tree of Peace" - Mr. Ralph C. Link

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn No. 393

\* Benediction

\* Threefold Amen

\* Postlude "To The Glory of God" -Heyser

\* Congregation Standing \*

Welcome to all scouts visiting us today

Three Scouts have assisted in the service as indicated in the Order of Worship. The four scouts assisting with the offering - Gary Sloan, William Cushing, John Brosnahan and Richard Brosnahan. Mark Brosnahan as the acolyte.

Bulletins were distributed by Cub Scouts, Tim Clark and Kelly Armstrong.

Troop 41 - Scout master, Guy Shoup, Jr.  
Assistant Scout Masters: Kay Honery, Bill Jackson, Dick Graham, Jim Eaton, Steve Graham and Bud Long.

Cub Pack # 41, Cub Master: Theodore Russell.  
Assistant Cub Master: Jim Wolfe

The window display in Long's Furniture Store features all steps of scouting.

## Planting ~~The~~ Tree of Peace

Text+ Luke 6;31

ALL SUMMAY NEW YORK - I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THIS THING IS NOT  
SOLUTIONS FOR A MAN AS A MAN OR A MAN FOR A MAN. A MAN FOR A MAN.  
DAY.

I wonder if any of you boys can tell me what this object is that I have in my hand? What does it symbolize? It's a golden rule. You have all heard of the golden rule haven't you? It states do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Or as our modern version has it, "Do for others just what you want them to do for you." Now basically this means that we should treat other people as we would like to be treated. Most people think and believe that Jesus was the first person to ever state this. But if ~~we~~<sup>WE</sup> go back into history we find that the Jews before Jesus had a rule like this.

These Jews had two schools of thought, which was brought out by two different rabbis. Rabbi Shammai was responsible for the strict, rigid and very stern thinking group. While Rabbi Hillel was the man responsible for the more liberal, lenient and gracious thinking group. The Jews had a story they told about a man who was a heathen <sup>WHO</sup> came to Rabbi Shammai and said he would become a convert if Shammai could teach him the whole law while he stood on one leg. To this Shammai became angry and chased him away. The man then went to Rabbi Hillel who accepted him as a convert and told him, "What is hateful to yourself, do to no other; that is the whole law and the rest is commentary. Go and learn." In the book of Tobit which is part of the Apocrypha, Tobias teaches his son a maxim, "What thou thyself hateth to no man do." A Rabbi named Eliazar said, "Let the honor of thy friend be as dear unto thee as thine own." Confucius said, "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others." There are still several more examples we could add to this list, but do you see the similarity? Yet there is one big difference between what Jesus said and what the other people said. The difference is that all of these other examples are negative. Christ is the first one who ever stated this rule in a positive way. All the other examples say do not, while Christ states do. The negative form is telling us to refrain from doing something, to stop doing



something ~~for~~ others. While the words of Jesus are do. In other words make some action and this action involves doing something to and for our fellow man. If we want other people to treat us with kindness we must first show kindness. If we want people to forgive us we must first forgive others. If we want other people to love us we must first show love. This is what Jesus wants us to do. If we are followers of Him and we love Him, then we shouldn't find this rule too hard to observe toward our fellowmen. But we are living in a world of much confusion today. We hear voices from all sides telling us conflicting things. We therefore may find it a little hard to separate right from wrong. We may sometimes be tempted to join the ranks of those who don't play the game according to the rules. The old adage of "it's not so much whether you win or lose, but how you play the game," seems to be outdated. Many people consider it passé or old hat. To win today is the thing. Win, regardless of the cost or what you have to do to achieve this end. Just win. But is this true? Does it make a difference whether or how we win? If we are speaking in terms of religion it <sup>does</sup> make a difference. And if we are speaking in the terms of what Christ would have us to do it makes a great difference. We who are supposed to be followers of Jesus must learn to set the example whether it be in school, in sports, at home or in our daily life.

To me one of the tragedies of our modern day youth programs is the little league baseball and midget league football teams. Many of the managers of these teams only play to win. To some of them it's not a matter of teaching these kids the fundamentals of the game, or sportsmanship, or trying to develop their ability; it's win, be the winner, and as a result the kids of poor ability or average ability ride the bench. They are pushed aside in favor of the boys who are more outstanding. And if we look at life in general isn't this the way many of us react? We want to be identified with a winner. We all like a winner, but in the game of life as in sports there must be a loser as well. We can begin to see what Christ really meant when he said, "Do for others just what you want them to do for you."

He meant to help the loser, those who really need our help. Stick with those who are struggling. Play the game by the rules and don't be concerned with the winners- that we forget the losers. How we act toward others- is how the others- will act toward us. If we treat everyone as though they are winners- we will encounter more love and good will in our lives- and in our own little areas- where we live or work. Now this is not to say that we will not encounter opposition. Because we will. There are still those who resist kindness and love. There are still those who will want to take a poke at us for trying to do good. But we must not let this opposition overcome either us- or our purpose. Each knock is a boost to the saying goes- and these knocks- should firm our determination to continue our work. It isn't easy to resist opposition and it will never be easy to do so. The normal and natural thing is- to retaliate, to strike back at the opposition. But if we do this- we not only lower ourselves to their level, but we act in an un-Christian manner. But there are occasions when we cannot refrain from using force. When Jesus Himself became angry and used force to drive the profiteers- from the Synagogue. But we must remember that force should only be used as our last resort, when we have no other alternative. The Boy Scout movement teaches a special emphasis- on helping people and doing for others. Therefore I believe that the golden rule is being applied in the life of these ~~scouts~~ <sup>SCOUTING MOVEMENT</sup>. The story of how ~~scouting~~ <sup>CAME INTO BEING</sup> is a very interesting one. Perhaps you have heard this before. To those who haven't it came about like this.

An American newspaper publisher from Chicago named William Boyce was visiting in London England. The day had been gray and overcast. The fog was very thick as it so often is in London. In fact it was so dense on this particular day that it had practically stopped all traffic, and all business in the city. It was in the fall of 1909 that this took place. Mr Boyce had been looking for a certain address and could not locate it. He stopped under a street light to try to get his bearings, when out of the fog a boy came walking up to him. "Can I help you sir", the boy asked. "You most certainly can," Mr Boyce

replied. "I have been looking for this address for some time and cannot seem to locate it. Do you know where it is?" The boy replied, "I will take you to it," and he then led Mr. Boyce to the address. Mr. Boyce reached in his pocket and took out some change and handed it to the boy. The boy shook his head and said that he couldn't accept money for doing a good turn. He told him that he was a scout and scouts did not accept pay for doing good turns. "A scout, Mr. Boyce asked, and what might that be." "Haven't you heard of the Baden Powell boy scout air?" He asked. Mr. Boyce hadn't, and so the boy told him about the scouts and how they came to be. After finishing his errand Mr. Boyce had the boy take him to scout headquarters. There he met the famous British general Baden Powell who had founded the scout movement two years before. Mr. Boyce was so impressed with what Baden Powell told him that he decided to bring the movement to the United States. And on February 8, 1910 in Washington D.C. Mr. Boyce and other outstanding men who were interested in boys founded the Boy Scouts of America. This day has been celebrated ever since as the birthday of American scouting. Now what happened to the boy? No one knows. He was never heard from again. But he will never be forgotten. At the International Boy Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park in England there is a beautiful bronze statue of an American buffalo. It is a large scale representation of the Silver Buffalo Award of the Boy Scouts of America. On the base the inscription reads, "To the unknown scout whose faithfulness in the performance of the daily good turn brought the scout movement to the United States of America." One good turn to one man, became a good turn to millions of American boys. So you never know the power of a good turn.

The power of doing good can never be counted in individual lives that have been changed. It can never be counted in the numbers that have been reached. But for each good turn we do, each person we help or care for and for the smallest thing done to help others it never goes unnoticed. Maybe we will not receive the plaudits of our fellowmen or ever see our name in print because of what we may do. But we can each one be assured that it is will be noticed.



We can rest assured that our Heavenly Father will see and notice what we do to help His children. Jesus also said inasmuch as you did it to the least of my brethren you did it to me. So you see no matter how little the deed, no matter how insignificant it may seem to us, it amounts to a great deal in the sight of God.

On the wall of the gymnasium at West Point, the United States Army military academy there is a slogan which goes, "On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields on other days will bring the fruits of victory." These words were coined by a man who at the time was the superintendent of West Point. His name, General Douglas MacArthur. He lived by these words. He was not only a great leader, but a very religious man as well. These words apply not only in sports but in everyday life. So you see the golden rule can be expressed in several ways. It can be expressed as Jesus said it, Do for others just what you want them to do for you. It can be expressed in sports as to a good turn daily. And it can be expressed in sports as the slogan on a gymnasium wall. But if we look at each of these examples we can see the underlying theme of doing for your fellowman. Show love, show kindness, give of yourself to help your brethren. Do for others just what you want them to do for you. No brother man fold to thy heart thy brother; Where pity dwells the peace of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other; Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Then shall all hackles fall; the stormy clanger of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, and in its ashes plant the tree of peace. Let us pray.

Salen Lamartine 11:00 5/18/69

\*Processional Hymn 21  
\*Call to Worship "The Lord is my light  
and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of  
Whom shall I be afraid?"  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Philippians 4; 10-20  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

May 25th Comm. Rev. Defibaugh 11:00  
" " Mem. Ser. 7:30  
Mens choir ( Lettermen, 4 freshmen)

*JOHN WHITE CHAIR*

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 182  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 219  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

St. Jon Eminton 9:30 5/18/69

\*Processional Hymn 57  
\*Call to Worship "The Lord is my light  
and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strength of my life; of  
Whom shall I be afraid?"  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Pg. 588 Sel. 38  
Hymn 292  
Scripture Philippians 4; 10-20  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

May 25th Comm. Rev. Defibaugh 9:30  
" " Mem. ser. ~~9:30~~ 11:00 Sch.  
" " " " Lamartine 7:30  
Mens choir (Lettermen 4 freshmen)

*WILLIAM ASHDAUGH AT ORGAN*

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 477  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 468  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

Call to worship: In Thee O lord do we put our trust;  
let us never be ashamed; deliver us in thy right-  
eousness.

Confirmation at 5:00 to 6:00 today.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
Christ Church, Dunsmuir 9:00 A.M.  
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP February 21, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
\*The Hymn of Praise 50  
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\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
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\*The Kyrie  
\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Scripture----Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
Philippians 4:10-20  
\*The Gloria Patri  
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We Know!"  
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\*The Benediction  
\*The Threefold Amen  
\*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year during Lent we are recommending that each family make daily use of a devotional booklet entitled "The Fellowship of Prayer." These booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please take one per family and if there are some left they may be taken next Sunday.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregation Meeting and covered dish dinner will be held this evening at 6:30 P.M. Reports from all groups will be made. Please have a representative of your group there. Bring your own table service. Beverage will be provided.

Installation of the officers elected this morning will be held during the worship service next Sunday.

Mid-Week community Lenten services will begin this Wed. evening, Ash Wed., Feb. 24th at 7:30 P.M. at the Christ Lutheran Church. Rev. Jay Saxe will be the speaker. A schedule of these services is posted on the bulletin board.

Church Women United will observe World Day of Prayer on Friday Mar. 5th at 7:30 P.M. in our church.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS: By request of those present at the Feb. 10th "Conference on Aging," a second meeting will be held Wed. Feb. 24th, at 2:00 P.M., in the Keboch Memorial Methodist Church, to continue the discussion on your concerns which in turn will guide in the conduct of the National White House Conference.



## How Small We Are, How Little We Know

Text: Philipians 4: 13

"There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."

Last week our children put some records on and when a certain song began to play, our number one son said, "Listen to this song Dad, I think you could use this for a sermon." Well I listened and had to agree that here indeed was sermon material. So we played the record over a few times so we could copy down the words and this is the song. It is entitled, "How small we are, how little we know." There is no credit given as to its author, nor whether it is from a Broadway show. However I think the words tell more than a message.

"We laugh, we cry, we live, we die, and when we're gone the world goes on.  
We love, we hate, we learn too late, how small we are, how little we know.  
We hear, we touch, we talk too much of things we have no knowledge of.  
We see, we feel, yet can't conceal, how small we are, how little we know.  
e how the time goes swiftly by, we don't know how, we don't know why.  
We reach so high and fall so low. The more we learn the less we know.  
Too soon the time to go will come, too late the will to carry on,  
and so we leave too much undone, how small we are, how little we know.  
We laugh, we cry, we live, we die, and when we're gone the world moves on.  
We love, we hate, we learn too late, how small we are, how little we know."

This song may not be religious, yet it has a very religious connotation. It almost parallels the third chapter of Ecclesiastes which reads, "There is a time for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven: a time for giving birth, a time for dying, a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted. etc." But this ~~xxx~~ gives you an idea of the chapter. Perhaps the songwriter took his idea from this Biblical book. But whether he did or not, he certainly has an idea of what life is all about. He Realizes that life is never dull, to the extent that we know what is going to happen next. Life has its share of triumphs and pitfalls. It's like the man who thought he was being so funny when he got on the elevator and wisecracked to the operator ~~xxx~~, "I

bet you have your share of ups and downs." The girl was either in a bad mood or tired of hearing this type of humor, so she replied, "It isn't the ups and downs that I mind, It's the jerks." And life is like this quite often. We seem to be going along fine and then all of a sudden we come to a jerk. Sometimes literally but usually it is a jerk that brings a realization, of something we have missed ~~perhaps~~ <sup>perhaps</sup> perhaps all of our life. We may plod on through life day after day unaware of our surroundings. We see the same old things and do the same old things and life holds no change or challenge. We may travel the same old roads and see the same old sights and nothing ever seems different. Then one day we may decide to take a change from the ordinary and we decide to ~~drive us into~~ <sup>CHANGE OUR ROUTE & GO INTO</sup> the hills ~~or off the beaten track~~ <sup>OR OFF THE BEATEN TRACK</sup>. It may be a very nice warm sunshiny day, and we may for the first time see a beauty around us such as we have never seen before. The pungent musty smells of the forest that <sup>MAY</sup> have gone unnoticed before. The wind rustling through the trees, and the sky so blue with big fleecy white clouds drifting along. Now it isn't that these things were never there before. It's just that too often we cannot see them for ~~the~~ the fact that we are too busy running helter skelter living our lives. <sup>THE OLD SAYING OF NOT SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES APPLIES HERE</sup> Have you ever come into contact with someone who had ~~ever~~ been ill for a certain length of time? Oftentimes they will tell of a certain day, or a certain time during their convalescence, when for some unexplainable reason, life appeared different to them. Things that perhaps were taken for granted before, now took on a new beauty. The air never smelled so sweet before. The sun never shone as bright as it did then. Everything seemed different and new and the world all of a sudden had become a pretty nice place in which to live. Perhaps some of you have had this very experience. Somewhere along the road of life ~~that~~ <sup>SOME</sup> of you <sup>MAY</sup> have had a change occur in your lives that has made everything seem different. This in essence is <sup>one point</sup> ~~the~~ the author of this song is telling us.

But there is one other thing he is saying. This is the point that no matter what we know and no matter who we are, we are still small and insignificant, and our knowledge is also limited. Albert Einstein was supposed to have been one of the most brilliant men who ever lived. He was able to solve very complicated mathematical problems with ease. Yet for all of his knowledge, he must have remained a humble man. He was willing to give credit to someone

else for also having knowledge. Once he was being interviewed and the reporter asked him about a certain date in history. The reporter began to take him to task for not knowing what any school boy would know, and that perhaps Mr. Einstein was not so brilliant after all. Mr. Einstein replied very quietly that he did not fill his head with that kind of knowledge. He went on to explain that other learned men spent considerable time and effort to compile this knowledge into books, and if he wanted to find out this information all he needed to do was to search out the book for the answer. So you see, here was a man acknowledged to be one of the most brilliant, conceding that he did not know everything and acknowledging that others were intelligent too. Knowing that we do not own a monopoly on brains or talent in any one field is a large step toward knowledge. But too often people of average intelligence seem to feel inferior or beneath the intelligence of some other people. They develop a defeatist attitude and say, "Whats the use?" "I can't do that, or" "I don't have the brains to do that." "Whats the use of trying?" The final result is that of self defeat and we are beaten before we begin. But Paul gave us the answer to this. ~~And that is the answer~~ And what he gave us ties this problem and the feeling expressed in this song together, so that we can see there is hope for each of us.

We can all very readily say, "how small we are and how little we know," but we can also say, "there is nothing I cannot master with the one who gives me strength." This was part of Paul's advice to the Philippians. Stating this makes us aware that we can master all things in life with the strength and ability that comes from God. There are many cases of men and women who have not been given much as far as stature and size go. Or who are just common folk. But who rose to prominence by their simple belief and trust. They were not blessed with high IQ's and yet they overcame obstacles and handicaps as they are called by other people, to become ~~great~~ some of the greatest individuals to walk the face of this earth. Polycarp of Smyrna was one of these men. In Smyrna the Jews were very numerous. This was in the early days of the church. Polycarp was the bishop of Smyrna for a long time. He was martyred for his faith on February 23rd in the year 155. It was the time of the games in the city and some of those who



were reveling there raised a shout of, "Away with the atheists; let Polycarp be searched for." And so a little slave was arrested and under torture revealed the whereabouts of the bishop. But he was ready for this because he said he had a dream that he was being burned at the stake. When they came to arrest him, he ordered that those who had care for him be given food and drink. He requested an hour to pray before he was taken away. Not even the police captain wanted to see this man executed, and he begged Polycarp to give in. He said, "What harm is it to say Caesar is lord and to offer sacrifices and be loyal?" But Polycarp would not listen. When he entered the arena the ~~proconsul~~ pro-consul gave him the choice of cursing the name of Christ and sacrificing to Caesar and living. He said, "Eighty and six years have I served him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my king who has saved me? At this he was threatened with fire at the stake. To which he replied, "You threaten me with the fire that can only burn for a time and is quickly quenched, for you do not know the fire which awaits the wicked in the judgment to come and in everlasting punishment." "Why are you waiting?" "Come and do what you will." So the crowds came bringing wood for the fire and the Jews even though it was the sabbath, broke the commandment about working and carried bundles of wood, to dispose of this threat to their religion. And so this aged man was put to death for his faith. But before the flames consumed him he prayed a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God. Polycarp must have realized in his life that the only thing he had in life was Christ and this gave him the strength to endure the fate he endured.

~~Each of us have things that xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

But because of his love for his saviour he became one of the giants of the Christian church. Perhaps he had what he thought were handicaps in his life too. Each of us have them or think we do. Lack of education, lack of size, lack of knowledge, and these keep us from doing many things. But if we draw our strength from God and take him with us wherever we go, then we too can be a giant. Not as Polycarp perhaps, but we can attain the size God wants us to be. God doesn't want anyone to be a quitter. Instead he wants us to press on in life. He blesses those who realize they are only mortal and who seek his help.

When a man realizes, "How small we are, how little we know," he has taken the first step. When he says with Paul, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength," he has taken the second step. And with these two admissions and acknowledgements before him, man, any man is ready to take the next step forward, and this is the living of life, under the help and guidance of God. And each step leads ever onward, ever upward, until we reach our Father at the end. Let us pray.

St. John's Church 11:00 2/1/71

\*Processional Hymn 57  
\*Call to Worship Ps. 140  
\*Confession of sin  
\*Assurance of pardon  
\*Responsive Reading Gal. 10 1-17

\*Psalm 137  
\*Gospel St. John 3: 1-17  
\*Apostle's Creed  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Anthem  
\*Benediction

LENTEN SERVICE TOMORROW 8:00

Offertory, Prayer

\*Hymn 472

\*Psalm

\*Prayer of the People

\*Hymn 157

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Benediction

St. John's Church 10:30 2/1/71

\*Processional Hymn 299  
\*Call to Worship Ps. 140  
\*Confession of sin  
\*Assurance of pardon

\*Gospel St. John 3: 1-17

\*Apostle's Creed

\*Prayer

Anthem

Benediction

Benediction

LENTEN SERVICE MAR. 20TH 7:30

INVITE VISITORS TO S.S.

JERTH FELL 6:30

Offertory, Prayer, Prayer

Hymn 205

\*Psalm

\*Prayer of the People

\*Hymn 254

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Benediction



Call to Worship: Sing to the Lord, bless His name  
tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare  
His glory among the nations, His marvelous works  
among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and  
greatly to be praised..

Call to Confession: Ask and it will be given you,  
seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be  
opened to you. Come, let us open our hearts in conf  
ession to Almighty God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: God shows His love for us in  
that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.  
God so loved the world that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have eternal life. There is  
therefore <sup>now</sup> no condemnation for those who are in  
Christ Jesus. Amen.

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The Womens g ild will meet on Tuesday ~~at 7:30~~ March  
16th at 7:30 here at the church. This will be the  
Lenten quiet hour meeting.

Mrs. Morris is recuperating at the Polyclinic hosp.

Mrs. Violet Morrow is in the Polyclinic hosp.

MR & MRS. PURKEY VISITORS

TRINITY CHARGE--THE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Nash, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Dunsmuir 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP March 7, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 159  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Lord, we believe in thee; help thou our un-  
 belief. Lord, we love thee; yet not with per-  
 fect hearts. Lord, we long for thee; yet not  
 with our full strength. Lord, we trust in thee;  
 yet not with our whole selves. O Lord, our Christ,  
 save us have thy mind and thy spirit. Make us con-  
 fite that we might be renewed from our sinful  
 selves into new men and new women, according to  
 thy will and for the sake of thy glory. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Resurrection of Jordan  
 The Scripture---John 3:1-17  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Praise 164  
 The Sermon---Lenten Reflections  
 "God's Love Through Christ"  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 158  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidelberg Class meeting Tuesday March 9th at  
 7:30 P.M.

Win-A-Chum Class will conduct worship service  
 at Kinkora Home Sunday March 14th at 2:00 P.M.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory Meeting this afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Mid-Week Community Lenten services will be  
 held Wed. evening March 10th at 7:30 P.M. at  
 Koberg Church. Father Brockman will be the  
 speaker.

Text: Luke 14: 25-33

I suppose that if you girls are familiar with this object, what is the word we use for it when we work for something in our lives. We would like it? One of the best things of our lives is service and helping of others, right? But all you ever find out is that it is not so easy to do all that and even so, you can get involved with it. Well, the thing I have in mind is the fact that we are here to live with service, that we forget just that it is not so easy and why. What is it that in one of the Gospels, about this very thing. Anyone want to know what this thing is? Well, let us read it to you. What Jesus said that is just a few days ago. We got so busy with this and with that, with our activities, earning merit badge, serving on committees and so on, we forget our life and our purpose for living all these things. This is the way many people live in the church. Some of them become almost robots. They are so busy serving on all types of committees and boards and doing all other activities that Jesus is forgotten in the shuffle. We must be careful that this does not happen to us. We should be thinking whether this service we are doing is really what Jesus wants us to do or is our service really a selfish motive to please our fellow men. Jesus should play a very important part in your young lives. You should try to do the things that would please Him. If you try to do that, you will never lose track of who it is you are serving. Then you should be praying that you may do that is the right thing to do. You can apply these principles in everything as well as all of the rest of your life. If each of us would try to live our lives, in such a way that we do, trying to do what Jesus would want us to do, our neighborhoods and communities would be better places for all of us to live in. God grant that each of us may try to live just this way each day of our lives. Let us pray.



## God is Love

Text: John 3:16

Most of us here today have probably been brought up in the church. By this I mean that it is most likely that we started in the Sunday school when we were little, wee high. We were told wonderful stories of Jesus and God, and we sang lovely little songs about them. We thought of God as being way up there somewhere, riding on a cloud with the angel orchestra playing all of their harps, and the angel choir singing sweetly. Or we were made to think of Him as being a faddering old man, complete with beard, handing out His favors for being good and punishing people for being bad. As a result of this, many people today still look upon God as being sort of like a really big, angry, quartermaster corporal. He is willing to do each one whatever it is he needs or deserves. One little song that I have heard sung in many different Sunday

schools is, "God is Love." This is the true picture of God. As heard it is our scripture today says, "God <sup>YES</sup> ~~is~~ loved the world. <sup>HIS ONLY SON.</sup> SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE

Love has been depicted in many different ways, and by the same token there are different kinds of love. Too often today if we mention love immediately everyone is conjuring up pictures of the movie stars, one male and the other female, or a couple like kissing and embracing. This is one type of love to be sure.

In the book, "Five thousand quotations for all occasions," the author has compiled five full pages for the word love. There are two columns of quotations on each page. To quote just a few for you. "quote." There are all different interpretations of the word love, but not quite what I am referring to.

The type of love I have in mind is the love that lasts and endures. Physical love is a fleeting passing thing, but the love that withstands the trials and tribulations of hatred, jealousy, greed, envy, and all the other un-love-

ly things of the world is a strong true love. This is the love that God has. He can love and even though people do not then love toward Him, He still continues to love. In fact His love for man was so great that He permitted Him-  
 self to take our sins upon Himself and die in the manner in which He did. This is real love.

The Jewish people thought mostly of God in terms of His being a vengeful God. A God who would reward or punish. A stern father type of God. But Jesus came along and re-interpreted this. He preached of a loving God. A God who looked upon His people like a loving father. Now this re-interpretation did not make Him a different God. He is still the same God, but the way in which we view Him is what makes Him different. He wanted to love the Jewish people and care for them. But they were more concerned with making offerings and sacrifices to please God. They couldn't and wouldn't accept Him for the loving God that he was to them. He sort of had to be feared in order to be revered. Now this is not saying that we should think of God as a buddy or a pal. but we need not be so fearful of God that we feel we cannot come to Him unless we bring something or burn something to please Him first.

Jesus knew and understood God. He knew that God shared love and all He required in return was love shown to Him. Jesus also knew that the sacrifice He was making was out of love. He stated, "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." He knew His sacrifice was being done out of love. Love from God for permitting it and love from Jesus for doing it. so here we can see that love is not only giving but getting. We know from this then that another thing that Jesus needed was love. He needed the love of God and He needed to feel this love toward mankind.

Then too, love was a prevailing thought in the mind of Jesus. He spoke of it several times. He said love your enemies and pray for them. When upon the cross He did this very thing. He prayed for the forgiveness of his executioners. Think of the amount of love this would take. He also said to love those who do not love us. But the big question is, how do we relate this

to our present day life and our present day world? Do these thoughts of love still apply today? Are they as relevant today as they are then? The answer lies with each of us. Only we can apply this answer and it is dependent on how much we are willing to apply these principles in our lives. We can relate this love to our present world if we are willing to love. And these thoughts are relevant if we are willing to make the sacrifice to apply them. By sacrifice I mean, perhaps the loss of friends, or so-called friends, when we are willing to help and assist people who stand, perhaps, he claimed to being honest and socially. Let us look at some hypothetical cases and see where this love still and should be applied today.

Suppose we are leaving this Church today, and as we leave we find the rich, well-to-do fellow coming tearing around us in his car and forcing us off the road and into the ditch. What should we do? The normal reaction is to become angry and curse the fellow for his stupidity and ignorance. But is this the way of the Christian? A real Christian would silently pray for that car that he may be the error of his way and become a better person for it. Or perhaps we are walking down the road and someone drives by and ~~deliberately~~ rides into a puddle and splashes us with dirty water. What should we do as Christians? Again the normal reaction is anger. But this is not the way of Jesus. If we look at both of these examples we can see that to really love in everyday living is not easy. It would be easy for us to stand here and say, "don't get angry and curse and swear if you get run off the road or splashed" <sup>OR SOME OTHER INSTANCES LIKE THIS.</sup> but it isn't easy. It takes prayer, it takes a great amount of restraint and above all a great amount of love. The Christian life is made up of love, love, and more love.

If we want to apply this principle in the Church we can do it by the outreach we show to others. There are some Christians who are not concerned with the people of lower or poorer status, simply because they cannot properly ~~carry their share of the Church's budget~~. But here again this is not the love that Jesus taught. The Church is for everyone whether they are rich or poor. Whether they have influence or not. Whether they are white <sup>Black or KKK or Yellow</sup> or colored. We must and we should try to reach everyone that we can, to bring this message of love



to them.

There is a popular song that says, "What the world needs now is love - sweet love, that's the only thing that's got to hold it off." True, the world could not be held. Our world is in the most unenviable state at the present time. But we can help to change this by showing love to all that we meet. If each Christian throughout the world would try this, the results would be stupendous. But you see there are too many of us, Christians, who are not willing to make the test and to prove it. We do not want to risk what we have to try it. But if we love people who are supposed to be our friends - simply because we want to help and to love other people who need help, then those people will love our friends in the first place. Here again Jesus had something to say on this subject. He said, "Love your neighbor." By this He meant that we should love each other in all circumstances. If we are helping other people who are perhaps less fortunate than we, then our friends will want to help us, and our hearts will be loving one another.

This matter of helping is something we should try to do. Many think of it as being out to some one and helping him - and doing the work for these people and other things such as this. In some instances this may be true. But more often we can help by merely talking to someone in need of wisdom or advice. We can help by merely saying a word of encouragement to someone who doesn't receive much encouragement. We can help by giving someone a good morning smile instead of a frown. We can help in many other ways - not even to mention. There are many, many ways to serve and perhaps some fit us or are more suited to us than others. Whatever is best suited to us - that is what we should be doing to show forth our love.

The other thing Jesus said about love was, "That we should love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves." We can love God fairly well, but we will never love Him as much as we should. And the point most often overlooked is the part that states as ourselves. We love ourselves pretty well and this can be attested to by the way we take care of ourselves. If we get to feeling ill we get to the doctor and we take good

Love I find magic and it's always will be.

Love words in viny: 'let' 'see' 'green' 'and' 'change'  
'and' 'there' 'so' 'fill' 'in' 'life' 'the' 'love' 'good' 'things'!

Love is selfish, self-serving and blind.

Love is the answer that everyone needs -

we can't be bought, it is priceless and free.

Love like pure magic, I'll meet in a story!

THIS IS THE LOVE CHRIST TAUGHT, & THIS IS THE LOVE HE SHOWED WHEN HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US. LET US EACH TRY TO REFLECT UPON THIS LOVE IN OUR LIVES DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON & LET US EACH TRY TO CHANGE OUR LIVES TOWARD THIS END.

LET US PLAY

St. John Lutheran 11:00 5/3/68

- \* Processional Hymn 207
- \* Call to Worship Pg. 146
- \* Confession of sin
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Responsive Reading Gal. 3:27
- \* Psalm 167
- \* Scripture Genesis 2:1-3
- \* Gloria Patri
- \* Apostles Creed
- \* Prayer and Response
- \* Anthem
- \* Announcements
- \* Offering, Prayer
- \* Hymn 227
- \* Psalm
- \* Prayer of Lord's Prayer
- \* Hymn 478
- \* Benediction
- \* Christoffel Amen
- \* Postlude

Prayer for the World

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- \* Anthem
- \* Announcements
- \* Offering, Response, Prayer
- \* Hymn 141
- \* Psalm
- \* Prayer of Lord's Prayer
- \* Hymn 479
- \* Benediction
- \* Christoffel Amen
- \* Postlude

~~Prayer for the World~~

Prayer for the World



Call to Worship: O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

Call to Confession: Come to me all <sup>ye</sup> who labor and are  
heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke  
on you and learn of me; for I am gentle and lowly  
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls;  
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light, saith  
the Lord. Let us come to Him confessing our sins.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon; The Lord is merciful and gracious  
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so  
great is His steadfast love toward those who fear  
Him; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.  
Amen.

N.B.L.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MEET AT CHURCH AT 7:15  
THURSDAY APRIL 15TH TO GO TO COUNTY FAIR.

LINDA ACHENBACH IS IN ROOM 721  
MEMORIAL BLDG. POLYCLINIC HOSPITAL  
THANKS FOR FLOWERS.

MRS. MAGGER IS HOME  
MRS. MARRON STILL IN POLYCLINIC

TRINITY CHARGE--THE WHITE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Decatur 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP March 28, 1971

The Order Presided  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 153  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Our Father, we do not want to come to thee  
 to confess our rebellion against thee. In  
 shame we try to hide our wild spirits. Yet we  
 are compelled to prostrate ourselves before  
 thee, for there is nothing within us that can  
 bring us peace. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,  
 that by thy grace the warfare that we know we  
 will very often and we may worthily honor thy  
 name and render unto thee an acceptable off-  
 ering of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our  
 Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture----Genesis 22:1-19  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 156  
 The Sermon----Lenten Reflections  
 "The Sacrifice of The Son"  
 The Communion Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 221  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude  
 \*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed in both churches on Easter Sunday, April 11th. Your Pastor will officiate. At this time we will also receive into membership anyone desiring to unite with us in Christian fellowship. Please contact the Pastor if you are interested or know of someone who is.

The Lord's Supper will be observed in the homes of our shut-ins either before Easter or shortly thereafter. Please help your Pastor by submitting the names of all of our shut-ins to him, so that no one is overlooked.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Week Community Lenten Services will be held Wed. evening March 31st at 7:30 P.M. at Garson Long Chapel. A movie will be shown.

GFN

Text; Genesis 22:2

In the Scripture which is a fairly good for a calendar of the Church year, our Scripture for today is one that is suggested to be used for this first Sunday of Lent. Many of our churches follow the Liturgical year closely. I check the ~~the~~ Scriptures for each appropriate Sunday, but generally I do not feel too free using a set pattern all the time. Usually I have refrained from following the Church year too closely. But in my search for a series there to be followed during this season, this Scripture gave me the ideas that I needed. We are going to try to picture and think through, just what were the things that Jesus needed to go through this ordeal which He undertook. That were some of the things that sustained Him as He traveled to the end of His journey. This is what we will be trying to discover as we once again start on the journey that leads to Jerusalem and the cross.

Just picture in your mind, if you will the setting of our Scripture today. Abraham was spoken to by God and he responded by doing as he was told. He responds to the least detail and was even in the process of slaying his son when God intervened. This story teaches us many lessons that can be compared with the life of Christ. But first we should look at this story a little closer. The background will perhaps explain this more fully.

During the time of Abraham the sacrifice of children was a more or less common thing. In fact they not only practiced human sacrifices, but they did it at what they believed was divine command. If a man thought this today and his thought became known he would be placed in a mental institution. Worse yet if he performed this act he would be convicted of murder and executed or imprisoned for life. This story is rather disturbing to anyone reading it and it requires that we look at all of its different aspects to discover the real truth.

This story is perhaps placed in the Bible to show that



Abraham's love and devotion to his God, was capable of making him sacrifice his son to prove this love. The use of human sacrifice was a custom among some of the Canaanite tribes. It had been practiced for centuries. In the time of Eliezer around 200 B. C. during a crisis of battles for the Jewish capital, the king of Moab quote, "Took his eldest son who was to succeed him and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall." Unquote. This quotation is found in II Kings. Chapter the 23rd verse. This sacrifice was made to a pagan god, and if men worshipping pagan deities could carry their religion to that extreme how could Abraham show that his religion meant as much to him. The only way would be to do as they did. Therefore the story represents very authentically what must have gone on in Abraham's mind. Here was a great leader of his people. He is living in a crude age. All around him are obedient people showing their faith to their pagan gods. In spite of his fervent & his love for his son, he kept hearing an inner voice telling him to sacrifice his son. It could well be that because of his mind dwelling on these thoughts, the thought pressed upon his conscience and he interpreted it as being the voice of God. Whatever the case may be, the climax of the story is the real revelation of God. The voice of God proves to say something quite different from what Abraham thought it was saying. The climax is that God does not want Isaac to be sacrificed. The story ends on a note of happiness instead of tragedy. God showed Abraham that the true test of a person's love isn't determined by his willingness to sacrifice, but by his faith.

Many earlier generations took this text very simply and uncritically. To question any part of the Bible was close to blasphemy. But we are living in an altogether different age. People do ask questions, and quite naturally they want answers. I think this is a healthy sign. It not only shows that people are interested in their religion, but it helps to strengthen their faith. There too they are not compelled to accept something blindly, in which they neither believe nor understand. But here again we must remember

that we should question reverently. Not with the intent to tear the Bible apart but to get at the truth. So if we question this bit of scripture in this light we find, that it was not the will of God that Abraham should sacrifice Isaac. God never required that we sacrifice in this way. He revealed His real nature the moment he stopped Abraham from killing Isaac. Abraham was blessed because he was willing to obey God's will which he believed required the sacrifice of his son. He was blessed because he willingly would have gone to the limit to show his love. This sort of spirit always makes a man capable of greatness. Abraham was completely committed to what he believed. Then everything was over. He is committed to what he believes, he goes as far. Would that all of us were of this mind. But unfortunately we always hold back a little. We question what if, instead of completely giving ourselves over to God's will.

The story of Abraham and the story of Jesus are very similar. There is naturally one great difference, This is that one is about a man, his son and his God. The other is about a God and His Son. <sup>And then</sup> There are several parallels in these two cases. One is the faith shown by Jesus and Abraham. Each one trusted God to the extreme. Each one had complete faith that God would see them through, that God would work things out whatever way He chose. That is what the outcome God would be glorified.

We have already agreed the faith of Abraham, but what of the faith of Jesus? How could He accept such a fate as He did? The only possible explanation is the fact that He believed completely in God. Jesus questioned this fate. After all who would it? But when He had determined that this was the way and there was no other choice, He accepted it. This is a case of faith at its strongest. He cannot begin to fathom what it would take to have faith like this and to give up everything including life itself.

The second parallel is sacrifice. The sacrifice of Abraham was to be human. But so was the sacrifice of God. Then the sacrifice of Abraham was to be his son, but then so was the sacrifice of God. Then we come to a parallel instead of a parallel. The sacrifice of Abraham was made for love of

God and the sacrifice of God was done for the love of man. ~~We don't go into the love involved in the act of Jesus' death as we will cover this in another time.~~ ~~WE~~ <sup>WE</sup> can see the similarities between the two acts, <sup>WHEN WE VIEW THEM IN CONTEXT.</sup> As our thoughts today are directed to these two familiar scenes, we should be thinking just what it is these happenings mean to each of us personally. What is God saying to us today? I think first He is showing us the perfect example of faith and trust in Him in the story of Jesus. If we could each possess this complete, unshakable love and faith to our Father, can you imagine what His Church would be like? All the problems and difficult situations of the Church would be solved. Really there are no problems in the Church. This may sound surprising but I think it is true. I think all the problems we encounter are caused by our narrow minded human way of handling things. The real problems are caused by the people who make up the Church. Most times our faith is so shallow and we don't have the complete trust in God that we should. We are hesitant to turn things over to Him because maybe He won't solve things as well as we <sup>CAN</sup> ~~will~~. Therefore we hold back and hesitate and all we need is to trust in Him completely and our problems would be in His hands. This is what I believe ~~is~~ God is trying to say to us in our present day. He is beckoning us with the words of Jesus, "Come to me all you who labor and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Then I think that God is trying to tell us today as well as He did in Jesus' time that He does not want our sacrifices as such. He wants our love. The prophets in the Old Testament preached against sacrifices. Hosea told that God says, "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifices; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Isaiah. So let us see all God wants from us is our love and obedience. We are bringing all the offerings we want to God but they amount to nothing if we do not give ourselves to Him. Our offerings are meaningless if our lives are not lived close to God. The sacrifice which Jesus made is the sacrifice that God gave to us. If we accept



Jesus we trust: He inherit the eternal life promised to us, but we must have it  
God by accepting His gift, which we can freely give. If faith should be  
the thing that is the sustaining force in our lives. If our faith is not it  
should be then we can say in our hearts, ~~the first and of~~, "My faith looks up  
to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour Divine: Now hear me while I pray, take  
all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine. Let us pray.

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Call to Worship: The voice of rejoicing and salvation  
is in the tabernacle of the righteous. Blessed be  
He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Call to Confession: We have not a high priest who is  
unable to sympathize with ~~our~~ weaknesses, but one  
who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet  
without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw  
near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess  
together.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: God will supply ~~whatever~~ every  
need of ours according to His riches in Glory in  
His Son Christ Jesus Our Lord, Amen.

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GOD OF GLORY GOD OF LOVE.



TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Ralph C. Link, Pastor

Christ Church, Luncannon 9:00 A.M.  
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP April 4, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
\*The Hymn of Praise 135  
\*The Call to Worship  
\*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
Our Father, we come to you asking forgiveness  
of our sins, and for our faulty following of  
the Master, our slow faith in his power to save,  
our timid, hesitant answers to his call for  
service, our insensibility to the meaning of  
his cross: for all that mars our discipleship  
and makes it difficult for others to believe  
in him; forgive us, O Lord, and give us grace  
to follow the Master more steadfastly. In  
his name. Amen.  
\*The Kyrie  
\*The Assurance of Pardon  
The Scripture---Matthew 21:1-17  
\*The Gloria Patri  
Anthem (Trinity)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Announcements  
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
\*The Doxology  
\*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
The Hymn of Meditation 133  
The Sermon---Lenten Reflections  
"Jesus as Messiah"  
The Sermon Prayer  
\*The Hymn of Response 136  
\*The Benediction  
\*The Threefold Amen  
\*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will be  
observed in both churches on Easter Sunday,  
April 11th. At this time we will also receive  
into membership anyone desiring to unite with  
us in Christian fellowship. Please contact the  
Pastor if you are interested or know of someone  
who is.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monthly consistory meeting will be held  
tomorrow evening at 8:00 P.M.

The total amount collected for the "One Great  
Hour of Sharing" amounted to \$189.00. May  
God bless each of you for your sense of  
mission to those in need.

Win-A-Chum Class will meet at the home of  
Cathy Gamber on the 16th of April at 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday will be observed at the Lutheran  
Church from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. The area  
clergymen will officiate.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday will be observed from 12:30 to  
2:00 P.M. A panel presentation upon Christ's  
last words will be the theme. This service  
will be held in the Lutheran Church.

When we think of the story which we have in the old Bible story there are some points in it which perhaps are not too well known to most people. The background of some of these events is rather interesting.

The first point concerns the reason for the large crowd which hailed Jesus during the journey. The reason was that it was the time of the feast of the Passover. The law said that every adult male Jew the first of his 30 years of the city of Jerusalem must come to the Passover. But not only the Jews of Palestine came to the feast, but Jews from every corner of the known world converged on Jerusalem for this the greatest of the Jewish national festivals.

During the feast all Jews were supposed to stay in the boundaries of the city. But since this was impossible because of the huge throng of people many of them stayed in cities outside and bordered Jerusalem. One of these cities was Bethany, where Jesus spent a night. His headquarters during the last week of His <sup>LIFE</sup> all available houses were taken in Jerusalem. The houses were crowded to overflowing, and even private houses had large parties or relatives staying in them. Even though some of these people were staying in outlying cities the feast itself had to be celebrated in Jerusalem.

One of the basic symbols of the Passover feast was the Passover lamb. It was actually from the lamb that the feast got its name. The last plague that God allowed to come upon the Egyptians to compel them to let the Israelites go, was the visit of the angel of death. The angel of death was to walk through all the land of Egypt and kill the first-born son in every house. As a means of identifying themselves the Israelites were to take a lamb and kill it and smear the blood of it on the door posts of their houses. When the angel of death saw the blood on the door post he would not enter the house of the Israelite and he would pass over it. On the Thursday of the week of the Passover feast the lamb had to be taken to the Temple and killed and its

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William Murray was a well known and influential member and interpreter of the Bible among the natives. His own mother had traveled to Jerusalem. One of the objects of the Holy Sepulchre he usually spoke of the religious building, sacred pillars, painted walls, colored ceiling, borders of gold from the Jordan river, crucifixes and other etc. And he wrote, "There these Christians gathered and prayed and sang, a crowd of laymen and women in front of the Church waited to see the mass, if any." So you see the abuses and practices of

Jack ' that we will present today. We are so different from the people who  
 lived then. We may wear different clothes, we may have more civilization and we  
 are not here more money. But basically we are the same people as they. We can  
 be selfish and they were. We can exploit our brother the same way. But we can  
 have our share in the Church and so it in the name of religion Jesus Christ is  
 still riding on in reality. Each year we take the journey to Jerusalem and we  
 try to visualize Him riding the dusty road and hear the shouts of Hosanna  
 of the crowd. But then we see the parable and let Him walk the dusty hills of  
 the slope of Calvary alone. Jesus showed His love for mankind not only by His  
 death, but by His very life. Each thing He did was done out of love for us.  
 He called the authorities by showing them who exploited their fellowmen from  
 the people. He tried to rid the Church of evil. He should be trying to make His  
 Church free from evil also. The way to get it this is to be the kind of people  
 that Jesus would love in His Church. We are all sinners, this is true, but that  
 does not give us the right to say that because of sin we have no hope. We must  
 reach out to Him for help and grace. We should be living the Christian  
 life. And this is the life that is really worth living. Our power that we have on  
 this side comes but each day of our lives, should be, like a river, should  
 flow on in reality. May you find grace in our heart today and always. Amen.  
 Let us pray.

TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Luncheon 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP April 11, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 168  
 \*The Call to Worship and Invocation  
 The Scripture---Luke 24:1-35  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 \*Apostles Creed Page 23  
 \*The Lord's Prayer  
 \*The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Psalter  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 Reception of New Members  
 The Hymn of Meditation 165  
 Meditation  
 The Communion Hymn 341  
 \*Order of Holy Communion Page 32  
 \*Seraphic Hymn #522  
 Institution of the Lord's Supper  
 Consecration of the Elements  
 The Communion (Please retain the elements  
 until all have received them)  
 \*Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 \*The Hymn of Response 167  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threhold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

# CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heidelberg Class will meet Tues. April 13th  
 at 7:30 P.M.

The Missionary Circle will meet Tues. evening  
 April 13th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Bessie  
 Barriek.

Win-A-Chum Class will meet at the home of  
 Cathy Gamber on the 16th of April at 7:30 P.M.

The flowers on our chancel have been placed by  
 the following:

Helen, George and Linda Achenbach in memory of  
 John Achenbach.  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Borcharding in memory of Mr.  
 Borcharding & Mr. Holland.  
 Mary Louise Dowdrich in memory of Homer Dowdrich.  
 Marilyn Fisher and Esther Spence in memory of  
 Mary Mumper.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ferrer, Sr. in memory of Mr.  
 & Mrs. LeRue Hess.

## TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the chancel today are in memory  
 of all departed members of the Kite Society.

There is also a plant placed by Mrs. Rynkiewicz  
 in memory of M. Lula Swartz.

Christ and Jesus: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Moss, and Mrs.  
 Albert in memory of Mrs. Moss.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Smith from Pine Bl, Pres.

Mrs. Pearl Hubbard is in Polyclinic, was to be new  
 member today.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Link, Dale Link

## Easter Meditation

Text: Luke 24: 5 - 6

"Why Look among the dead for someone who is alive?"

In a book I was reading recently an illustration was given about a canyon in The Yosemite Valley. In this one particular section there is a stone wall that rises and is three thousand feet high. About halfway up this sheer stone face there is or was a pine tree. At the writing of this book in about 1933 this tree was about 140 feet tall. Perhaps today it is no longer there. Or perhaps it is 141 feet tall. But this tree cause much speculation as to how it got there. The most prevalent theory is that a bird had dropped a seed while in flight and the seed came to rest in a small crevice on the rock wall. Very soon it sent its shoots into the crevice and nurtured by the rains it began to grow. Little by little it drove its roots ever deeper into the crevice in the stone so that it could spread and grow. Until it had reached the heights and it stood or stands whichever the case may be as an example of nature overcoming the impossible.

The resurrection of Christ is similar to this. When He was taken from the cross he was placed in a hole in the side of a cliff, and this in turn was sealed up. He was written off by the authorities of the day. He was given up on by His followers. His disciples were in hiding for their very lives. All indications were that He was overcome and gone forever. So long troublemaker as far as a lot of people were concerned. But just when things are beginning to look up for some of these people and get back to normal it seems that something has happened to disturb their peaceful existence again. The body has disappeared or someone has stolen it. But then we read the story again and we find that Jesus arose and overcame death and the grave.

which were growing last year  
This past week I saw ~~two~~ two saplings ~~growing near our back porch~~  
in the most unlikely spot near our back porch, and they are sprouting leaves.  
Somehow or other they ~~have~~ started to grow behind the lattice work at the



bottom of the porch. I was going to rescue them last fall and transplant them where they can really grow into beautiful trees, but they defy removal. And so once again they will put on their greenery and compete with the porch for a place to spread out in. I was reminded as I looked at them of a bulletin board of a church I once passed near Easter. It said, "The promise of the resurrection is proved each year by each new green blade and leaf." What further proof do we need of the wondrous story of God and His love for mankind? Yet there are those who still will not accept this.

In the latest copy of Christianity Today I received yesterday, I read about the theory's developed about the crucifixion of Christ. It seems now that we have been hearing so much about racial equality that we must do something about the horrible examples our Gospel writers have given us involving literature that is so anti-semitic. You see the writers are strictly biased against the Jews, and therefore they could not write objectively. So we have all sorts of arguments raised that the Sanhedrin did not meet at the hours stated since it was contrary to their laws and they were not the ones who clamored for Jesus' death and so on.

But what the new thinkers and those so concerned about hurting the feelings of present day Jews are forgetting, is that Jesus himself was a Jew and they were the ones who wanted Him dead, and their anti-semitism as it is called was directed against themselves. It is sort of like the case of the black panthers if you have heard about it. It seems that this group has stated publicly on many occasions that the authorities are out to annihilate them. But just recently a man who ~~is a black panther~~ wanted to find out for himself the truth or untruth of this claim investigated all the cases of death involving the black panthers. In something like 20 recent deaths he found that 3 had been shot by police bullets, several had died from other causes not involving the police, and something like 12 had been shot by their own people.

The trend today is to try to disqualify anything that can cause a controversy. I think we need to call a spade a spade. If the Jewish author-

I think that we need not be surprised if the next argument forthcoming will be about the resurrection, since this is about the only thing about Jesus they have not tried to tear down lately. We cannot prove conclusively the resurrection and show it as we can other things. Here again it is a matter of faith and belief. But if we can accept the fact that when the leaves fall of the trees, that the tree is not dead and will grow new leaves in the spring, then we can accept the resurrection of Christ. "Why look among the dead, ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ for someone who is alive?" Amen.

St. John Emelinton 11:00 2/16/69

\*Processional Hymn 347  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Sel 17 Pg. 569  
Hymn 378  
Scripture Luke; 19; 1-10  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Rev. Sills next Sunday comm.

LETTER SUGGESTIONS IN TABLE

APPOINTMENT 11:16 AM  
+ CHALLENGE.

Salem Lamartine 9:30 2/16/69

\*Processional Hymn 343  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
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Scripture Luke 19; 1-10  
\*Gloria Patri  
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\*Pastoral Prayer  
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CHRIS 7:0 THURS 10:0

LARRY AND SUE THURS

Offering, Prayer

\*Hymn 270  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
Hymn 377  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 190  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
Hymn 278  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

Call to Worship: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all  
that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his  
benefits.

Call to Confession: The Lord is near to all who call  
upon him; to all who call upon him in truth. He ful-  
fills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears the  
their cry and saves them. Let us now call upon the Lord  
with our confession of sin: Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The Lord redeems the life of his  
servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will  
be condemned. Amen.

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TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Pastor: R. L. Hild, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Uniontown 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP April 25, 1971

\*The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise \* 7, verses 1, 2, 3, 6  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Help thy people, our Father, to be truly penitent, empower us to overcome all our temptations, enable us faithfully to live according to thy will, and create within us a growing likeness to Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us grace to follow the Master more steadfastly. Amen.

\*The Hymn  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Luke 19:1-10  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer

Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 217  
 The Sermon---"Little in Size; But Big In Action."

The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 212  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday May 2nd the time of worship will change for each church. Trinity will worship at 9:00 A.M. and Christ Church will worship at 10:30 A.M. Please make a note of this.

The annual meeting of the Mercersburg Assoc. will be held at the First United Church of Christ in Carlisle. At least one delegate from each church is needed. If you can attend please see the pastor for details.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Bernard's Parish Council Women are having a special meeting on Drug Abuse on Monday April 26th at 8:00 P.M. in the church. All women of New Bloomfield are invited.

Mrs. Eda M. Campbell completed her earthly life on Friday April 23rd. The funeral will be held at the David Myers Funeral Home in Newport on Tues. April 27th at 2:00 P.M.

A dedication service will be held next Sunday, of a gift given in memory of Stanley Hrir by the Hair Company employees.

May 23rd will be the family night dinner of the Church. Keep this in mind.



## The Tax Collector

Text: Luke 19; 1-10

One of my favorite Bible stories is the one we heard read as our Scripture this morning. It is a story that probably everyone knows fairly well. Shirley inquired as to what the sermon for today was to be and I told her it was to be about Zacchaeus. Then she ~~repeated~~ <sup>TOLD ME ABOUT</sup> a little song they sang in the Primary department when she was a teacher. I don't believe we could prevail upon Shirley to sing the song for us this morning so I'll just repeat it. Zacchaeus was a wee little man, a wee little man was he. He climbed up in the Sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Saviour passed that way, He looked up in the tree, and said, "Zacchaeus, you come down, for I'm going to your house today, for I'm going to your house today."

I THINK THE REASON THIS STORY IS SO WELL KNOWN IS BECAUSE IT IS SO PICTURESQUE. WE CAN ALMOST VISUALIZE THE ENTIRE SCENE IN OUR MINDS EYE.

← This little song in essence tells the story with all the details involved. When we read the story as it is found in the Bible, the first thing we get to know is that Zacchaeus was a tax collector and that he was wealthy. Of all the people in Palestine the tax collectors were the most hated. At this time Palestine was a country that was occupied by the Romans. The tax collectors were under hire by the Romans and this in itself made them quislings and traitors. Those of us who can remember the second World War, can recall how the people who aided or helped the Nazi's in any way in the countries they occupied, ~~men~~ were treated rather badly. They were called quislings and were ostracized from everything. In Italy in some villages the women who fraternized with the German soldiers had their hair shaved off <sup>COMP-FIELD</sup> by the other villagers and in this way everyone knew what they had done. ~~But~~ <sup>THIS</sup> is how a tax collector was received. He was looked down on by everyone. It is not too difficult to understand how Zacchaeus came to be wealthy either. The tax system lent itself to abuse. The Roman custom was to farm out the taxes. They assessed the district at a certain figure and then the right to collect the taxes in that district was given to the highest bidder. All they cared about was that the amount of taxes due at the end of the year came in. Whatever else the man collected was his concern. So since there were no newspapers,

or television, or radio, the people had no idea what their taxes were. And today we think we have problems. <sup>JUST LISTEN TO THE LIST OF TAXES</sup> There was a poll tax and this was paid merely for the privilege of existing. There was a ground tax which was one tenth of all grain grown. There was an income tax, <sup>OF</sup> one percent. A tax was payable for the use of the main roads, the harbours, the markets. A tax was payable on a cart and on each wheel of it and on the animal that drew it. And there were taxes on the purchase of certain things and import and export taxes. <sup>AND WE COMPLAIN?</sup> So you see the money was available if a fellow wanted to make it. And most of them did. So much so that they were barred from the Synagogue. This is the fellow Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus we are told, was very short. He tried to look over the heads of the other people but he could not. Can you just imagine how the people used their height to block his view. If anyone knew he was trying to see, they probably stood on their tip toes to block his view. Thinking all the while this will get even with old Zacchaeus. So he climbed a tree to see Jesus. And surprise surprise as Gomer Pyle would say, Jesus stopped directly under the tree and looked directly up at him and informed him that He was going to stay at his house. The people murmured against Zacchaeus as they are prone to do. Look at that He is going to his house for dinner. Of all the nerve. What does old Zachy have that we don't? You know what I mean the typical raised eyebrows, and the questioning glances. But Zacchaeus paid them no mind. He promptly told Jesus that he was going to give half of his property to the poor and the other half he would use to reimburse anyone he had cheated. Not with mere interest, <sup>MIND YOU</sup> but four fold. Now according to Jewish law a fourfold restitution was imposed for one case only. In Exodus 21:37 we read, "If a man steals an ox or sheep and then slaughters ~~it~~ or sells it, he must pay five oxen for the ox, four sheep for the sheep." Roman law demanded it of all convicted thieves. So you see Zacchaeus was being most generous.

Now when we look at the motives of this man and the wonderful thing that has happened to him, we can pinpoint very clearly several things. First we see the curiosity of Zacchaeus. He wanted to see Jesus close up. He didn't want to see Him from afar. He wasn't content to merely be a person in the back row looking on. He wanted to be up front. This isn't too far removed from

most of us. We like to be up front to see a celebrity. When the political candidates ~~were appearing~~ ~~LAST~~ ~~Donna~~ ~~and~~ ~~Paul~~ all over the country, people flock to them wherever they appear. Whenever the Governor or a senator comes to town everyone turns out to get a glimpse of him. In this respect Jesus was a celebrity. His fame had preceded Him. People were talking about Him and what He could do. So naturally all someone had to do was to say that He was going to make an appearance and the crowd was there when He arrived. The old saying is, "Curiosity killed the cat, but satisfaction brought it back." And how often the curiosity that each of us possesses can serve as a worthwhile tool for us. We need a certain amount of curiosity in our lives. Were it not for curiosity we would never venture much of anything. But we need to have the curiosity of Zacchaeus. We need to want to see this Christ for ourselves. We need to want to meet Him personally, and not just take someone else's word for it. Were each of us to do this religion would probably take an upswing in the world.

Then Zacchaeus had confidence. He was certain that if he could get  
front that he would see Jesus. He had to have confidence to turn up at a large  
gathering of people. Since he was a tax collector he could expect to perhaps get  
roughed up a bit by the mob. But he confidently walked among them not much  
frightened by the ever present danger. He was there to see Jesus and his confidence  
of seeing Him overcame all the worries of bodily harm. This too is what we need.  
The confidence that we can see Jesus. We can meet Him and talk to Him today, just  
as Zacchaeus did in the past. The only difference being that we cannot do it as  
we would talk to another person. We ~~can~~<sup>MUST</sup> do it through prayer and meditation. And  
our prayers will be answered, but we must have the patience and the desire to let  
the Lord answer them in His way and not just how we want it done. This requires a  
certain amount of confidence on our part. But it comes to us if we learn to have  
patience.

And then Zacchaeus had courage.. Think of the courage it took to come down from the branches of that tree and to publicly state that he was going to make amends for what he had done in the past. The Scripture tells us that, "They all complained when they saw what was happening." ~~This could lead to activ-~~



But Zacchaeus was not to be dissuaded from his purpose. He had made the move to gain respectability and he was going to stick by it. This requires courage. Much ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup> courage than most people possess. This is the type of courage a Christian should have. The ability to say, "I'm wrong, I have made a mistake, or I have been living wrongly," and then to turn around and change our ways and our lives. This is what we should do, but for the most part we are too reluctant to do this for fear we will make a spectacle of ourselves, or we are concerned what our friends and neighbors will think. If we are supposed to be Christians and the moment arrives for us to assert ourselves, then by all means we should do so. We should care less what people think and more what Christ would have us do. If the time comes that we need to admit we are wrong then we should be men or women enough to do so. This is the courage Zacchaeus possessed. This is the courage Jesus possessed.

If a man as notorious as Zacchaeus could suddenly acquire the curiosity to see Jesus, and the confidence to face him, and the courage to promise to change his life, then why shouldn't we who have the privilege of being Christians almost all of our lives do the same? No matter how much we want to fight it we can't. Jesus stands before each of us daily and confronts us as he did Zacchaeus. "I must stay at your house today," is the command. Our reply is between Jesus and us. No one will hear what it is we answer. But what will our reply be? Will we change for the better? Will we make restitution to those we have hurt or harmed? Will we be as Zacchaeus little in size, but big in action? ~~May~~ God grant that each of our lives may ~~have~~ have the same end result as that of Zacchaeus. Let us pray.



Salem Lamartine 11:00 5/4/69

\*Processional Hymn /8  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture John 14; 6-15  
Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem

Announcements 11:00

May 25; Comm. ~~9:30~~ Rev. Defibaugh  
May 18 Mens Choir Butler?

WFO 8:00 CHM PRACTICE

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 394

Common

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn /87

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

Call to Worship: Know that the Lord is God;

It is He that made us, and we are his;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Call to Confession: Come now let us reason together

as the Lord; though your sins ~~be~~ are like scarlet,

they shall be white as snow; though they are like

crimson, they shall become like wool. Come let us

confess our sin together.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: Ask and it will be given you;

seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened

to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who

seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Amen.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH IS ~~REVERTING~~ HAVING  
AN ORGAN RECITAL ON THEIR NEW ORGAN  
THIS ~~AFTERNOON~~ EVENING AT 7:30. ALL  
ARE INVITED.

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MURFREY NEXT SUNDAY DURING  
CHURCH.

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SPECIAL ANN FOR HOME WOOD HOME

TRINITY CHURGE--FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph G. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Danmannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP May 2, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 315 verses 1, 2, 3, 5  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Almighty God, thou knowest that we have not  
 lived the life of which we are capable. Thou  
 knowest that we have gifts which we have not  
 used or that we have misused. Thou knowest  
 that we have not loved thee above all lesser  
 concerns, and that we have utterly failed to  
 love our neighbor as ourselves. Thou knowest,  
 O Lord, that we are not even able to love our-  
 selves. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord, for  
 Christ's sake. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture  
 Old Testament----Genesis 1:26-31  
 New Testament----John 14:6-11  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements --- *DEDICATION*  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 68  
 The Sermon----"If I Look In The Mirror, Whose  
 Image Do I See?"  
 The Gerson Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 226  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude  
 \*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mercersburg Association will meet today  
 in First United Church of Christ in Carlisle,  
 at 3:00 P.M. Anyone who wants to attend may  
 do so.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are dedicating the gifts of a  
 receiving basin and a flower vase given as a  
 memorial to Stanley Hair. We express our  
 sincere thanks and gratitude to The Hair Co.  
 employees for their thoughtfulness in making  
 this presentation in memory of their late  
 employer. These gifts now become a living  
 memorial to Stanley, to be used in the service  
 of the church he served so well.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory at 7:30 A.M. Monday May 3rd.

The Missionary Circle will conduct services at  
 the Kinkora home Sunday May 9th.

## In The Image of God

Text: Acts 17:29

"Since we are the children of God, we have no excuse for thinking that the deity looks like anything in gold, silver or stone that has been carved and designed by a man."

*STAY OF PAUL IN ATHENS & UNKNOWN GOD.*

"God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him." This is how the author of Genesis describes the creation of man. ~~If you will recall we read this as part of our Scripture for last week. We discussed the creation of the universe and all that was made. Today I would like to carry this one step further and discuss the idea of man being created in the~~ image of God. What does this mean? Can we literally think of it as meaning that each one of us actually looks like God? These are some intriguing thoughts and can involve quite a bit of thinking once one begins to contemplate them.

Two men were discussing the creation of man. Both of them were religious. One was a scientist and one was not. The scientist believed that man had descended from the animals ~~and~~ while the other man did not. The scientist tried to convince the other man of the rightness of his argument, but he could not. The other fellow listened quietly for awhile and then he asked the question, "You say that man descended from the animals?" The scientist said, "Right." And in particular they descended from the apes?" "Right again," the scientist said. "Well then to put this whole argument into perspective we must draw some logical conclusions," the other fellow told the scientist. "So if God created man in His own image, and man descended from the apes, this would mean that God must have been an ape." Now this <sup>is</sup> hardly logical we must admit. It proves the argument of the two men involved, but it does not settle the age old ~~dispute~~ <sup>THE</sup> dispute about the image of God. But to settle ~~this~~ dispute about the animals we need to but look at a few examples. There are some large apes who do have some human characteristics. But <sup>As found in GEN. 2</sup> this does not mean that man came about in this way. In the story of creation we are told very distinctly that man became something much different from the animals. Of all of creation, man is the only one who has the reasoning and thinking power. And man has a soul. These two things separate him from being a mere animal.



The followers of Jesus asked Him what God looked like. He told them that if they saw Him they saw God. Now this makes it all the more confusing. Once by His answer, He implies that God appeared as He did. In other words God had the same features as Jesus. This is what we are led to believe. However I believe that this is erroneous, since we are taking this explanation in the wrong context. To see Jesus is to see what God is like. Not in looks, but in likeness. When we see Jesus we see God in the everyday world. Not a being sitting far off and removed, but right down here among us. God came into an ordinary home and into an ordinary family. Francis Thompson wrote a poem entitled, "Ex Ore Infantum," a few lines of which read, "Little Jesus wast Thou shy once, and just so small as I? And what did it feel to be out of heaven and just like me?" In other words Jesus was God in human form. He felt the same things that all humans feel. He encountered many of the same problems that many humans meet. And He was as human as you and I.

~~And then the thought of~~ God becoming man evokes another thought and this is that God was thought to be coming in the form of a warrior. The Messiah was to be a conquering hero. To this thought George MacDonald wrote a few lines of poetry, "They were all looking for a king To slay their foes, and lift them high; Thou camest, a little baby thing, That made a woman cry." <sup>LUTE</sup> A child's verse reads, "There was a knight of Bethlehem Whose wealth was tears and sorrows; His men at arms were little lambs; His trumpeters were sparrows." What is being pointed out here again is the fact of Jesus humanity. He came into the world as you and I. He was not a wealthy king or warrior. He was a common man in His human-side.

Then we look at Jesus and we see His qualities. All of them were good. He was compassionate. He showed love. He showed joy and sorrow. He wanted to help, to be of assistance. He wanted to share Himself with others. These are the qualities of Jesus, at least some of them. But all of them can't help but make us see the image of God. Now if these were the qualities that Jesus had, and Jesus is the Son of God, or God in human form, and we possess these qualities and are human also, then we should see the image of God in ourselves. But do we? Or do we see in mankind other qualities that are completely alien and foreign to God?

The answer is that we see qualities that are foreign to God and the image of God as we understand it. So how do we account for this? Well again we need to look at the account of creation to discover this. In the account we find the story of Adam and Eve. The story of the original sin. Now however this came about is again immaterial. What is more important is the fact that we must realize that God gave man all of His good qualities. That He invested him with love, and mercy, pity, justice, freedom, joy, sorrow, happiness etc. What He did not give him was hatred and cruelty, anger, malice, jealousy, envy etc. These are the end results of man rebelling against God. Man trying to do his own thing. Man at his worst and not his best. When we think of God do we ever think of Him hating one particular person? Or do we ever think of him as being cruel? We think of Him in terms of love and compassion, of being just and fair don't we? This is God as we know Him. I think that the term in the image of God, means just this. That we were given all of the good things from God. That we have or possess all of the qualities for peace and joy and happiness right within each of us. And at the qualities of hatred and cruelty and envy have crept into us and perverted the image of God. These were not a part of the original creation and were never meant to be. The entire Old Testament never lets us lose sight of the ideal. Of what God wants man to be. And so the struggle goes on and on. But then we come to the New Testament and we see that God reveals Himself to man once again. He comes to man in his own form. He comes in the form that man can recognize, another man. Jesus came to show man how he should live. He also came to sacrifice Himself for all of mankind. This is the proof of the love of God, that He came in the form of man, to man to save him and redeem him. The <sup>the thought</sup> Interpreters Bible uses ~~several~~ ~~experiences~~ about the Old Testament and the story it tells, "It keeps reminding every man that he is never true to himself, and that he can never really be content, until he is brought back to the great thoughts and the lofty impulses which were planted in him as his heritage from God." This of course is the ideal. But we can all recognize that to live as good a life as we can requires help. Well here again is where God has thought of His creation. We can have this help when we have need of it. All we need to do is to call upon God and He will help us.

To some ~~people~~ this ~~may~~ sound like a too ideal situation. But it involves a certain amount of love, of sincerity and of trust. We cannot come to ~~it~~ unless we do love Him. And we certainly must be sincere and trusting. God will never answer us if we do not love Him, and certainly He will never answer if we do not believe in His powers to help. Our main concern in our lives should be that God will help us to change our lives. To become better persons and to live better lives. Too often our concern and our prayers are for material things or for <sup>our</sup> selfish reasons. But God did not create us in His image and not have a plan in mind for us. We are each one a very vital part of God's plan. He loves us and He cares for each of us. He created us in His image and how we live and what we do should be very foremost ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> our minds. If we live and act as animals, then we are perverting the image of God. But if we <sup>try to</sup> live a <sup>good</sup> ~~clean-decent~~ life in the service of our Lord and for the benefit of mankind, then we are glorifying the image of God. This is what we should be doing. So we need to look at ourselves and ask the question, "Am I living a life of glorification of the image of God, or am I ~~being~~ just the opposite?" God grants that we may ever glorify Him. Let us pray.



Salem Lamartine 9:30 5/11/69

\*Processional Hymn 444  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Proverbs 31; 10-31  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

May 18th Mens Choir Butler  
May 25th communion Rev. Defibaugh  
May 25th Mem. Serv. Lamartine 7:30

RUTH WEAVER IN OIL CITY INSP  
FOR: THE PITTMAN BROS. B. & S.  
CHURCH SERVICE WEB B.

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 445  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 471  
Benediction  
Threefold Amen

St. John's Melenton 11:00 5/11/69

\*Processional Hymn /L  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading sel 61 Pg. 608  
Hymn 237  
Scripture 31; 10-31  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

May 18th Mens Choir Butler  
May 25th Communion Rev. Defibaugh  
May 25th Mem. Service 11:00 school  
May 25th Mem. Service Salem Lamartine  
7:30

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 275  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 445  
Benediction  
Threefold Amen



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exalts in God my saviour;  
because He has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

From this day forward all generations will call me  
blessed, for the Almighty has done great things  
for me. Holy is His name, and His mercy reaches  
from age to age for those who fear Him.

He has shown the power of His arm, He has routed the  
proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from  
their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry He  
has filled with good things, the rich sent empty  
away. He has come to the help of Israel His servant,  
mindful of His mercy - according to the promise He  
made to our ancestors - of His mercy to Abraham  
and to his descendants for ever."

Call to Worship: This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Blessed be he who enters in the name of the Lord.

Call to Confession: Behold I stand at the door and knock;  
if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I  
will come in to him and eat with him and he with me.  
Let us come to the Lord with our confession.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: Praise our Lord Jesus Christ Him-  
self, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eter-  
nal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort  
our hearts and establish them in every good work and  
word. Amen.

Frank Steele 90th birthday. yesterday.

death of C. Harry Raub

baptism following service.

FLOWERS PLACED IN MEMORY OF MRS NERA FOX  
BY MR & MRS RICHARD F FOX

ORGAN LOAN RECOMMENDED TO CONSISTENT &  
CONGREGATION APPROVED & COUNCIL WILL VOTE NEXT  
SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE.

CONGREGATION MEETING NEXT SUNDAY  
2:00 PM

# TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duncan 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP May 9, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 12  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 O thou Author of creation and Father of man-  
 kind, we acknowledge and confess that our hearts  
 are unworthy to receive thee, for we have offended  
 thee in word and thought and deed. We have made  
 frail choices when called to responsible decision.  
 We have withheld ourselves from right duty by re-  
 fusing to obey thy command to love. We have  
 hidden our faces from thy truth which is light  
 and consoled ourselves in darkness. But we  
 pray, O our Father, to deem us worthy to be  
 restored to thyself. Save us from our sin,  
 blot out our guilt, and remold us into a new  
 creation devoted to thy will and worthy of thy  
 name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Proverbs 31:10-31  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 470  
 The Sermon---"A Perfect Wife--Who Can Find Her?"  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 472  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business conducted at the Association Meeting  
 is posted on the bulletin boards for your  
 perusal and information.

Next Sunday May 16th we will observe the Rite  
 of Confirmation during the worship services.

The annual Hoffman Home Homecoming and Bazaar  
 will be held on Sat. May 15, from 10:30 A.M.  
 to 6:00 P.M. In addition to the bazaar there  
 will be a chicken barbecue and other refresh-  
 ments, games, rides, a band, a barber shop  
 chorus, an art show and chapel services.

## TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In conjunction with the bazaar at the Hoffman  
 Home, the ladies of Trinity will hold a no  
 bake, bake sale.

## CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Missionary Circle will conduct services at  
 the Kinkora Home this afternoon.

Heidelberg Class will meet Tues. May 11th at  
 7:30 P.M.

Missionary Circle will meet May 11th at 7:30  
 P.M. in the home of ~~Bessie~~ <sup>Donna</sup> ~~Barrick~~ <sup>Barren</sup>

Win-A-Chum-Class will meet May 14th at 7:30  
 P.M. in the home of Mabel Gelbach.

Those in the hospital:  
 Mrs. Gladys Fisher, Room 126, Community Gen.  
 Mr. Wm. Morris, Room 135, Community Gen. Ost.  
 Mrs. Joan Lightner, released and at home.

A Perfect Mother

MOTHER'S DAY

Text: Proverbs 31; 1

Proverbs

A perfect wife- who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Once upon a time there was a young girl who was engaged to be married. The fellow she was engaged to was a hard working young man. Before they were married it was discovered that she was to have a baby. The young man was concerned because he knew that the baby to be was not his. He was going to call the wedding off, but after much deliberation he became convinced that the proper thing to do was to marry the girl. And so they were wed. The baby was born and it was a nice little boy. The young girl was a good mother and a good wife. She took care of her husband and family and made a nice home for them. Gradually the years went by and then her husband died leaving her a widow. This meant that the oldest son became the breadwinner for the family. He worked to support his mother and his brothers and sisters. The hardest blow that this woman had to take was that her oldest son was arrested, tried, convicted and executed for a crime he did commit.

~~This story is a rather common one.~~ Most women sometime after they have completed their education, get married and settle down to the routine of being a dutiful wife and mother. But the age old question that has been asked by man for countless centuries is the one written in the 31st Proverb which asks, "A perfect wife - who can find her? Generally after a man and woman become man and wife, there comes a time when the husband begins to realize that no matter how highly he once thought of his wife, he ~~becomes~~ <sup>is</sup> aware that she is not the perfect wife. And this works in reverse too, since very soon the wife knows that her husband is far from perfect. We have a saying that states, "The honeymoon is over." Which is merely saying that the smell of orange blossoms and roses is gone. The wonderful world of everything being perfect is gone and reality sets in. And life takes on the serious aspect it usually is.

A perfect wife or mother, if you prefer since this is mothers day, is no where to be found. But this does not mean that there aren't some who come pretty close to this discription. We all know that in anything human there is no



perfection. Anything that is made by humans or connected with humanity is not, nor ever will be perfect. Only God is <sup>CAPABLE</sup> ~~able~~ of perfection. An old negro was speaking about his wife when he said, "She aint got so many faults, but she sur do make the most of them she's got."

Although we know that we can not achieve perfection as humans or expect it of humans, we do like to strive to come close to it or as near to it as is possible to come. However if we look at the present trend as far as the marriage and divorce rate is concerned, we can be appalled at the results. In a recent survey a noted authority stated that at the present time only one marriage in every three will survive. Of the three marriages it breaks down like this. One will definately end in divorce. One will continue to be a marriage in name only because of the children, and the remaining one will be a happy marriage. This doesn't speak too well of the young men and women being raised in our nation, <sup>TOO</sup> does it? But the children are the direct reflection of the parents. And who has the most direct influence on the lives of the children? It's mother isn't it? William Ross Wallace wrote the line that is so often quoted, "For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Emerson wrote, "Men are what their mothers made them." Think about it. I have often wondered what the mother of Adolf Hitler would have thought, had she been alive to see the monster her son turned into. I have often wondered what many other mothers have thought when they have seen their children turn into something other than what they tried to raise them to be. My own mother always said something to my brothers and I when we would be punished for something, <sup>WE DID BUT</sup> ~~and~~ it always sounded out of place to me. She always said, "I want you to grow up to be a good man, and I would never want to have to live to see you out in the electric chair. Because from little things that are wrong, you go to bigger and bigger wrong things." I really couldn't get the point at the time. But I do now. She meant that it may be stealing a dime today, but tomorrow it is not as much of a thrill, so something bigger must be taken. Until finally the only thrill left would be to rob a bank or an armored car, <sup>WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH</sup> and perhaps kill someone in the process. This is the reasoning behind all this dope and drug traffic. A kid starts out smoking a marijuana cigarette and event-

ually the thrill is gone and so he graduates to LSD or ~~heroin~~ heroin. This must be the most tragic thing of all of life, for a mother to stand by helplessly and see her son or daughter waste their precious life in degradation. Naturally there is never a guarantee that just because a son or daughter is raised decently, that they will never turn out this way. Sometimes a child gets in with the wrong people and this proves to be too much for them to cope with. However the majority of the cases have proven that if a child is given the proper care and supervision in the formative years that this will stand them in good stead in later life. <sup>But this</sup> Last Christmas <sup>SPENDING TIME ALSO DE RAN XMAS</sup> vacation a group of college students were on the Butler radio station on a program called, "Speak Up." One incident related by a girl going to the University of Cincinnati, involved herself and two other girls. When she went to attend the university she was given a room to share with two other girls. The one girl smoked marijuana in the room repeatedly, although they were forbidden to smoke in their rooms. After a while she talked the other girl into trying a cigarette. So then two of them were doing it. But the girl from Butler refused to try it and as a result she was ridiculed quite fiercely by the one girl who was the instigator. Finally it got so bad that she went to the dean and requested a new room assignment without <sup>IMPLICATING</sup> ~~implicating~~ the <sup>GIRLS</sup> ~~person~~, and her request was granted. <sup>BUT THIS ONE GIRL HAD LED ONE ASIDE</sup> But you see here is the result of her home training. Probably she had a mother who really cared what happened to her daughter, and so she taught her right from wrong. She took the time to share herself with the girl. This is what makes a perfect wife. Women who are not so wrapped up in themselves that they can share themselves with their children. Who can take the extra time and the effort to spend it on their kids. But unfortunately in today's society this is not in vogue. <sup>IT'S PASSE, OLD HAT.</sup> It isn't stylish to be a plain old housewife anymore. Pick up any woman's magazine and you will probably find an article in it on how to join the revolution against drudgery and boredom, to <sup>quote</sup> ~~use~~ the common words used, get away from it all and be a career woman. ~~I spoke once before about a group of women in New York who were using all kinds of means and methods to become business executives and congresswomen and so on.~~ One of the women ~~came~~ from California and she stated the one of the things that needs to be changed in the Eastern part of our nation is the fact that there are no day care centers for their children. In California and out on the coast area most



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husbands and wives both work, and the children are placed in one of these day  
care centers and picked up at night. These centers take the place of the mother.  
How can one or two women act as a mother for dozens of children which are not  
their own? The answer is they can't, and they don't care too much about the be-  
haviour of these kids, just so they don't get out of hand. In other words they c  
can't take the place of good old mom. So what do we expect of our modern day kids?  
How can they be the children they should be if the mothers are always pushing  
them off on someone <sup>else</sup> to take care of them? I was happy <sup>THAT I SAW SOMETHING NEW</sup> to see <sup>A</sup> the mother of ~~that~~ a  
20 year old college student at Washington and Jefferson college yank him out of  
school when the rumpus started with the protest he was leading. This should be  
done to a lot more of these smart alecks and we wouldn't have the mess we have in  
our land today. Children need authority and they need supervision, and much of it  
must come from the mother. A perfect wife and mother - who can find her? The  
young woman in the story I told when we started ~~xxxxx~~ was so overjoyed at the  
thought of becoming a mother for the first time she said, "quote the Magnificat."  
This is called, "The Magnificat", and in case you haven't guessed, the name of this  
mother <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ Mary, the mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Again not a ~~per-~~  
fect mother, but certainly one chosen of God.

In a ~~recent~~ conversation with ~~one of our members,~~ <sup>OF A NEW TYPE</sup> ~~this~~ <sup>THE</sup> young lady  
was telling me of a move from a larger house to a smaller one and what it meant.  
She said that the smaller house took less care and cleaning and therefore she was  
able to spend more time with her husband and family. I mentioned that I admired  
the average housewife and how she washes the same dishes meal after meal, and clean  
the same rooms, and makes the same beds day after day. I asked her how she could  
do this and not get bored. And she replied that she liked to do it, and it didn't  
bother her that she was doing the same thing over and over. Now there to me is  
devotion. There is love. And certainly I consider her one of the finest mothers I  
have met. But she is not the only one. I have met many, many fine mothers in my  
~~TRAVELS~~ <sup>TRAVEL</sup> ~~stay here.~~ I have been in many of <sup>THEIR</sup> your homes and <sup>THEIR</sup> seen your families. I have wit-  
nessed first hand the love and devotion of the fine mothers we have in our con-  
gregations. I say thank God for decent loving mothers. Thank God for motherhood  
and all of the devotion it entails. Today you and I will hear and read all sorts

of drivel about mothers. But the real mothers I have met and known, can't abide or tolerate this rubbish. What they want, and all they want, is the appreciation and love of their families. All they ask is a simple show of thanks for their efforts. And they are content doing their duty and being the wonderful loving mothers that God created them to be. May all of our young ladies here this morning, grow to become someday the same wonderful loving mothers that their mothers are. Only in this way can we be sure that our nation will continue to produce the people we need to run. For it is still those hands that rock the cradle that rules this world. Whether it still be <sup>AN ACTUAL</sup> ~~a~~ cradle or <sup>THE</sup> ~~a~~ cradled arm of mother. Helen Steiner Rice wrote a poem entitled, "A Mother's Love", which I would like to share with you this morning. "A Mother's Love, " by Helen Steiner Rice in, "Just For You," page 24. Let us pray.



Call to Worship: Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good.

Call to Confession: Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The Lord is merciful and gracious. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Amen.

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NEXT SUNDAY MAY 23RD, WE WILL HAVE  
A FAMILY NITE COVERED DASH DINNER.  
8:30 PM

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bedford 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

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The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 50  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our Father, we know that you would not love us for long, except that your love is unchanging. We trust that you will look upon us with a sense of humor, for even when we are trying to confess our sin, we put into words the petty while leaving the gross unspoken. Help us to overcome our clowning and get down to that which is real. Take from us the burden of that which does not matter. Free us from the bewildering array of problems of our own making. Help us to wake up to the fact that in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven and if we but take up his way of love we are free. Amen.

\*The Lyric  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Luke 12:16-34  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)

Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 Reception of New Member (Christ)  
 The Rite of Confirmation: The Charge--The Vows--  
 Confession of Faith--Prayer of Consecration--  
 The Confirmation--Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 The Hymn of Meditation 254  
 The Sermon---"Take Your Pick"  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 205

\*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the following young ladies and young men as members by the Rite of Confirmation.  
 Trinity: Nova Jane Reich, Gary L. Layder, Lloyd Alan Link.  
 Christ: Nellie Margaret Ebersole, Wilmer Gary Liddick, Nancy Lee Shatto, Shirley Kay Shatto, Randy Lee Sloan, Sandy Lee Sloan, Dennis Frank Smith, Carol Elaine Steele. The Pastor would like to express his thanks to each of them for their faithfulness, and also to the parents for their cooperation.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory today at 2:00 P.M.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome also Dennis Fisher as a member today. Since Dennis is a member of the Navy, perhaps we should say welcome aboard Dennis and may God's richest blessings go with you.

Congregational Meeting following the service this morning.

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Jane Baughman  
 Herringfield St.  
 Brighton, St. Louis

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## Take Your Pick

Text: Mark 12:17 "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus (Silver Dollar and Quarter)

Story from M.T. Jesus and Pharisees. 1st. buttered him up with questions, truth

1. tried to trick with taxes to Caesar. If pay then he is paying against God.  
if not pay then treason.

2. He asks for coin, whose picture? text

Young today made choice.

All make choices thruout life.

Some right, many wrong, so must set guidelines

Christian life involves: choices, commitment and change.

Choices endless; in our businesses, in school, eating, clothing, morals and et al

to many people spiritual choice done haphazardly.

Each Sunday afternoon kids met and tried to learn church membership.

How much faith unknown, only time will tell.

Too often people join and have campaign of hit and miss attendance.

Looking back 200 communications between 1960-1980.

Class of 67 8 boys and girls.

of last 4 communions net result of 5 perfect record.

1 a. and 1 b. committing 3 times and 1 boy skipping all 4.

Haven't seen boy in church that I know of.

Hope this class has as good a record after 4 yrs.

Jesus said, where treasure is there is heart.

If we think more of good times then absent from church.

Think more of self indulgence then, "I can't get up Sunday after Saturday."

If we love God and want to serve then we are here.

We can witness evidence of love by absence or attendance.

Love and pray these young have enviable record, not for record but because of  
love of God.

Some church members and sour faces and gloomy looks. (story of boy and mule.)

Christianity a joy, live life fullest, and enjoy to nth degree.

Jesus meant this in Seek 1st kingdom and all these other things will be given  
as well.

(story of commitment about Dr. Pierce Harris).

This should be our life. A life of no fear of end result.

But if lived adversely like man in story (facetious story of man)

Greek word translated as give back is interesting one. APOLUTOS is root of verb

APOLUTOS means "to give in answer to a claim or expectation."

In literal sense it means, (you) give back to Caesar and to God. - 2nd Pt. 1/12/80

Then choose Christ we are giving back in answer to his claim and our expectation.

When he tells take up cross can have eternal life.

We then take claim and expecting salvation thru it and our answer is our lives.

Very anones.

(Illustration of Army man in Alexanders Army)

What each must do when make choice of Christ, must change.

Not sour faces, but change priorities in life.

From personal pleasures to think of others, from monetary interests to concern

for hungry and needy and those who can use love and concern.

(Illustration of John Newton)

Love Collins and song on radio not new at all.

Christ comes in and changes in wonderful ways.

Too fundamental for some people (Illustration of man from fund. background.

Prayer for these young people and all here that they not relish here

May Christ move all of our hearts this day to change us for the better

May we all choose to follow him.

Prayer.

### Make Your Pick

Text: Mark 12:17 "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and to God what belongs to God."

If I hold up this coin (Silver Dollar), I wonder how many of you can identify it? Now if I show you this coin (Quarter), how many can name it? If I were to give you the opportunity to choose which you wanted I am sure that we would all pick the Silver Dollar. We know this is especially true of little children, since in their minds they seem to equate the largest coin (even if they do not understand that sometimes the larger coin is of less value), as the one to choose. But in this instance we all know that the Silver Dollar is worth more than the Quarter. So we choose the coin of greater value.

In the New Testament we read a story similar to this. Some of the Pharisees came to Jesus to trap him in what he said. This was toward the latter days of his ministry and they were seeking a way in which they could legally arrest him and get him out of the way. So they buttered him up with nice phrases, telling him that they knew he was a righteous man and how he spoke the truth, but was it right to pay taxes to Caesar. They knew that if he said to pay taxes to Caesar was right, then he was going against his own teaching about serving only God. But they also knew that if he said it was wrong to pay taxes to Caesar, then he would be guilty of treason and this is what they probably were hoping he would say.

But surprisingly, he asked for a coin. And holding it up asked them whose face appeared on it. They replied Caesar of course, anybody knew that. So then he tells them, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and to God what belongs to God." In other words he gave them a choice.

These young today have made a choice. All of us here have made this choice at one time or another in our lives. But as we travel through life we learn that we have many choices to make. Many times we make



choices that are really proper and what we should do. But how many other times do we make choices that are wrong for us and wrong all along the line? And so we find that we must set up some guidelines in our lives. We must learn to measure our lives and check them from time to time to see where they are lacking and where we can improve our lives.

The Christian life then involves, choice, commitment and change. The choices we face in life are endless. They involve school, friends, clothing, morals, and in all areas of life. One of the most important choices we can make is the one involving our spiritual life. To many people this is unfortunately a choice made rather hastily or without thinking. But it should be done with preparation and with the full knowledge of what we are doing. These young people have spent each Sunday afternoon in session since October trying to learn what being a church member is all about. How much I have succeeded in imparting to them, only they can tell. But I do know that we have tried to be realistic about it. One of the realities of church life is that many people join and then immediately begin a campaign of hit and miss attendance.

In marking the appropriate box in the book for those who have communed, I ran across an interesting fact. Of the class confirmed in 1967 consisting of 8 boys and girls, the last four communions have shown a net result of 5 communing all 4 times, 1 girl and 1 boy communing 3 times and 1 boy skipping all 4 communions. Of course I should add that I can't remember seeing this boy in church since I have been here.

Jesus said that where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also and this is evidenced by how we think of our spiritual life. If we think more of having a good time out of life then we can notice our absence from church. If we think more of our own self indulgence then we encounter the, "I just can't get up on Sunday morning because of Saturday night," bit. If we love our God and want to serve Him, then we can witness it in the attendance of these people in Church on Sunday morning. I hope and pray that these young people may have an enviable record of church attendance, not just

for the record, but because they love God enough to want to worship Him and seek Him in their lives.

But you see too often I think that we who are church attenders make Christianity appear as though it is something to be dreaded. We are something like the little boy who went to church with his mother on Sunday morning and was greeted by the sour gloomy pessimistic faces of the people. He asked his mother why all the people looked so sad and she replied that, "Oh, they got religion son." That afternoon the boy came running from the barn shouting, "Mama, mamma, our old mules done got religion too."

We should make Christianity a joy to be a part of. We should be able to live life to its fullest and enjoy it to the enth degree and still be a Christian. This in essence is what Jesus meant when He stated, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these other things will be given to you as well."

(Example of commitment about Dr. Pierce Harris).

This is what each of our lives should be. A life lived like this is a life that has no fear of the end result. We have been promised life eternal by our Lord and there can be very little doubt of this when we strive to live as close to Him as we can. But if we live adversely, then we are like the man written about facetiously, "A mans life is 20 years of having his mother aske where he is going, 40 years of having his wife ask him the same question, and at the end the mourners wondering too."

The greek word translated as, "give back" in our text, is an interesting one. The word is APODOTE which has its roots in the word APODIDOMI which literally means, "to give in answer to a claim or expectation. And so when we choose Christ and His way of life we are giving back, or giving in answer to a claim or expectation. He tells us to take up our cross and follow him and we can have life eternal, so then we are taking his claim and expecting ~~give~~ salvation through it and our answer is our lives. Very fitting and very apropos I think.

(example of soldier in Alexanders army). This is what we each must do when we make the choice of Christ. We must change our way of living. This again does not mean that we put on the sour dreary faces of some Christians, but that we change the priorities in our lives. Where once our personal pleasures we should strive to think of others and look beyond our desires and needs. Where monetary interests may have occupied ~~our~~ our thinking we should now be concerned with the hungry of the world and those who can use our love and concern.

(Illustration of John Newton). We have heard this old hymn popularized by Joan Collins on the radio and I am sure many people who heard it for the first time thought it a new idea. But when Christ comes into the heart of a person and they truly accept Him, He changes them in wonderful ways. In many of our churches we do not want to think in terms like this because we do not want to associated with the thinking that we may be fundamental. We are like the man who came from a fundamental background, who visited a UCC church. The preacher said something that the fellow agreed with and he shouted, "Praise the Lord." To this an usher came down the aisle and tapped him on the shoulder. He said, "We do not do that in this church." The man replied, "But I've got religion," and the usher replied, "Well you didn't get it in here." But my prayer this day is that these young people have gotten religion here, and not only them but many of the adults. And may Christ move many of our hearts here this day to change ourselves and be the followers of His we should be. Let us pray.

Call to Worship: Great is the Lord, and greatly to  
be praised; Honor and majesty are before Him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Call to Confession: The Lord is near to all that call  
upon him; to all who call upon him in truth.  
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;  
He also hears their cry, and saves them.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Assurance of Pardon: Hear these words of Scripture;  
The Lord is gracious, merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love. If you forgive men  
their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also  
forgive you.

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TRINITY CHURCH - 1111 11th St. N. - 55001  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

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The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 68  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Out of the depths we cry to thee, O Lord!  
 Lord, hear our voice. Let thy ears be atten-  
 tive to our confessions and supplications.  
 If thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities  
 who could stand? But there is forgiveness  
 with thee, that thou mayest be feared. We  
 wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in  
 his words we hope. O people, hope in the  
 Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast  
 love, and with him is plenteous redemption.  
 He will redeem us from all our iniquities.  
 We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who came into the world to save sinners. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture----Psalm 24  
 Isaiah 65: 17-25  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
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 \*The Doxology  
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 \*The Postlude

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Some coming events to be noted:  
 Penn Central Conference will be held from  
 June 11th to the 13th at Lebanon Valley.  
 June 20th at 2:00 P.M. a joint consistory  
 meeting will be held.  
 Also on June 20th at 8:00 P.M. the Mercers-  
 burg Association will officially license and  
 install Ralph C. Link as the Pastor of the  
 Trinity Charge.

#### Trinity Church Announcements

Today at 6:30 P.M. there will be a covered  
 dish dinner at the Church. Bring a dish or  
 two, your family and your friends and let's  
 enjoy food and fellowship together.

#### Christ Church Announcements

The Win A Class class is selling trays as a  
 class project. Rather than order more trays  
 than are needed they are taking orders for  
 them. You may see one of these displayed at  
 the back of the church. The price is \$1.00  
 per tray and you may order them from any of  
 the class members. The proceeds are to be  
 given to the organ fund.

"The Earth is the Lord's"  
Who Says So?

Soli Stewardship week

Earth Lord's, who says so? Author of Psalms

Modern man says, my mine, pollute like I want. So it kills a few fish etc.

Factory owner, my mill, pulp paper. So pollutes air, product needed.

Farmer says, plowing like this for years. No soil loss. My land anyhow.

Average American says, whats another bottle or paper in park. My park too.

Jesus story of vineyard.

Man went away, left tenants in charge. Sent servants to collect produce.

tenants killed them. Sent others same result.

Sent Son and killed him too.

Jesus asked, "Now what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?"

Modern interpretation of parable. Vineyard, world

Owner God, tenants you and I.

Servants, prophets and preachers warning

we have responsibility as tenants.

If we hire, we expect work and results

1 Meneca illustration:

Not only bishop or church leaders, but lowly deacon and deaconess.

Grand new member all serve, Mans chief motive in life.

Dr. on rounds, scientist at micro. Farmer at milking equip.

hardware man at counter, housewife at housework, all serve God in worship.

Not only serve in church but every day of lives worship

2 Barclay illustration:

Some predictions about end and too late.

3 Satan illustration:

Put off tomorrow, tomorrow may not come.

All must join fight now and not put off.

Too long have done things and then looked to future generations

Time when king saying today.

Not Gods will either that have pollution.

examples of Jesus healing and raising dead, and if Gods will then join  
against God.

4 C. Henry illustration of boy:

William C. Henry short verse:

Realization of something from first step to change way of life

requires more than change.

5 Reichardt illustration:

Must learn to love fellowman. If suffer we suffer, if sick we sick

If hungry we hungry. Maybe not problems now but later.

so just cannot must take seriously, change selves and thinking.

The Earth Is The Lord's  
Who Lays It?

Text; Psalm 24; 1, The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

Soil Stewardship Week

The earth is the Lord's, who lays it? The author of the 24th Psalm tells us this, but modern man says, this is my mine and if the drainage water drains into the nearby streams and kills a few fish and makes the water unsafe to drink can I help it. After all I have to make a living and I can't spend all of my money cleaning things up. We have those water treatment plants on the river and that's their job. The factory owner who runs a <sup>pulp</sup> mill says, can I help it if we give off byproducts that supposedly pollute the air. We're running a factory here and can't be bothered with the outside air that is breathed by the townspeople. The farmer says, I've been plowing this way for years and now all of a sudden I'm told to plow so the rains and weather won't erode the ground. Why, I've had good crops for years and maybe I have lost a little of the ground, but not that much that it makes a difference. After all this is my land. The average American

says, so what's a little more paper or another bottle on that pile in this park.

I pay taxes like anyone else and it's the job of the park maintenance men to keep this place cleaned up. And after all it's as much my park as it is anyone else's. The average homeowner says, this is my land and my property and I can do anything I want to with it. And so it goes on and on each individual claiming the right to do as he or she wishes, and each one claiming the air, the soil, the water as their own to do with what they please.

Jesus told a story of a man who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it and he put a tower in it and also put in a winepress. Then he leased it out to tenants to run for him and then he went away on a trip. When the time came for the harvest he sent servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants took his servants, killing one, severely beating one and injuring another with stones. So he sent some more servants but this time in a larger number. They treated them exactly the same. Finally in desperation he sent his son, because he felt they would not harm him. But when the tenants saw him they seized him and killed him also. So Jesus asks the question



"Now what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?" (Of course this is only a parable and it can be interpreted in many different ways. To interpret it to fit today's sermon requires that we identify each of the characters involved. The owner of the vineyard is God. The tenants are you and I, all of the people of the earth. The vineyard is the world. The servants sent to the vineyard who are killed and chased off, are the prophets who have been trying to preach to mankind for years and years.

You and I and all of mankind are the stewards or tenants if you will of God's property. This means then that we have a responsibility to God as tenants to work His property. If we hire someone to work for us we expect a return on our investment. In other words we want to see some results for the money we pay them. God is no different in this respect as an employer. He should be able to demand from each of us a certain amount of work to improve this planet.

Seneca was a Roman philosopher and a stoic. Stoicism taught that God is in everything. Seneca said, "God is near you, with you, within you; a holy spirit sits within us." To this the scientists laughed and said, "You mean God is in earthworms, God in beetles?" Why not, demanded Seneca, Cannot an earthworm serve God? It is not only the bishop or the priest or the church leaders who can serve God. It is the lowliest deacon or deaconess in the congregation. It is the brand new member who perhaps just joined the church. Man's chief end in life is to serve God and glorify Him.

The doctor on his rounds, the scientist at his microscope, the farmer on his tractor or at his milking equipment, the hardware man at his store counter, the clerk at his desk, the housewife at her housework, all, serve God in worship. Not only services in the church but every day and in every task we should be thinking that our service is praising God and in turn is worshipping Him. This is our duty as tenants of God's vineyard. It is not only work in His church, but in our private lives outside of the church as well.



The living of life as a tenant in God's vineyard requires a responsibility as well. William Barclay the biblical scholar and interpreter states, "Every man is a link in the chain of being; every man must see that he is a good link. Every man's life points somewhere; he must see that it points to goodness and to God." This responsibility requires that we want to make some changes. We must want to not only change the present environment but also ourselves.

Some people have predicted that it is now too late to turn back the hands of destiny and that we can no longer improve the atmosphere or unrollate the streams or stave off all of the events to come because of our waste and wanton destruction. But there are also good signs that we can do things to revert the pollution and damage to the environment. But the time to act is now.

The story is told of 3 apprentice devils who were consulting with Satan to be sent to earth on a mission for him. The first said, "I will tell men there is no God." Satan replied, "That will not delude many for they know there is a God." The second said, "I will tell men there is no hell." Satan replied, "You will deceive no one that way; men know even now that there is a hell for sin." The third said, "I will tell men that there is no hurry." "Go", said Satan, "And you will ruin men by the thousand." You see, the most dangerous delusion a man can work under is that of having tomorrow to accomplish the task. It is so easy to say, "I'll do it tomorrow," and then promptly forget it until tomorrow and then postpone it to yet another tomorrow. There are some things that cannot and must not be put off until tomorrow, because no man is sure that tomorrow for him ~~mayxxxxxx~~ will come.

So if we all join the fight against the waste and destruction of land, and property, and water, and air, perhaps we can begin to accomplish what needs to be done and not look to future generations to do what we should be doing now. This has been the story of the world and in particular our nation. We have done things and then looked to the succeeding generations

to undo our mistakes. This is what our young people are trying to tell us. And I can't say that I can blame them for feeling this way. I do not feel like inheriting from the older generations their problems that they created and left to my generation to clean up. We need to all get involved in this problem confronting us.

And it is not going to solve anything either for us to sit back and say, "Well it's God's will that we have pollution and the type of deterioration we have now." I can't buy this type of thinking. The reason I can't buy it is because Jesus never said that any situation in his time was the will of his father and could not be taken care of. He healed people who were incurably sick. He raised people who had died. And if he did these things and it was the will of God that they were incurably ill, and were to die and remain dead, then he went against God, and I cannot believe that either. No, my friends, our problems are self created, and they must be taken care of by us if we are to be about our fathers business as we should be.

In a short story written by F. Henry, there was a boy who had been brought up in a village. In the little school he attended he sat beside a very nice, innocent, clean decent young lady. Very soon the boy found his way to the city and there he got in with the wrong people; and soon he was an expert pickpocket and thief. Very expertly one day he had just picked a mens pocket and was walking along feeling fairly proud of himself, when he happened to see someone who looked very familiar to him. He ducked behind a pole so he would not be seen. But he looked and sure enough it was that same sweet, innocent young girl he had known in school and sat beside. Suddenly he saw himself for what he really was, and leaning his head against the pole he said, "God, how I hate myself." The thoughts of what he should have been and could be were driving him back.

William Cowper wrote, "Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord? Where is the soul refreshing view of Jesus and

his word?" To realize that something is wrong is the first step to changing the way of living and returning to the life that should be led. But it requires more than just wanting to change self.

Ligh Hunt wrote a poem about such a man.

Abou Ben Adhem ( may his tribe increase)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw within the moonlight of his room,  
Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold:  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said  
"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low, but cheerly still; and said,  
"I pray thee then, write me as one who loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote and vanished. The next night it came with a great awakening  
light, And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

We must ~~learn~~ learn to love our fellowman enough that we want not only the best for ourselves but for him as well. That if someone is in pain, we are too. That if someone is hungry, we are hungry. If someone is suffering, then we suffer. And we must learn to have concern for those who are afflicted with polluted water, and air and litter and garbage. Because we don't have it doesn't say that we may never have it. A lot of these things have a way of creeping to other places too. So if we are the concerned Christians we should be, then we will strive to join the fight against each of these problems today. As joint tenants of God's vineyard let us each take our responsibility seriously, and let us change ourselves and our thinking, so we can help work for the betterment of mankind. Amen.

St. John Malenton 9:30 5/1/69

\*Processional Hymn 327  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Sel. 41 Ps. 590  
Hymn 266  
Scripture John 4: 1-30  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 225  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 412  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

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VISITORS

KENNETH CHADMAN }  
KEP PITTMAN }  
BEVERLY TACK }  
JUNE STUBBINS }  
VIRGIE WILT }

TAKE OFF COATS

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 190  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 192  
Benediction  
Threefold Amen



Call to Praise: With a joyful voice to the Lord,  
all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come  
into his presence with singing.

Call to Confession: The Lord is near to all who  
call upon him; to all who call upon him in truth.  
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also  
hears their cry, and saves them. Let us confess  
our sin.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The Lord is near to the broken  
hearted and saves the crushed in spirit. God  
supplies all our needs according to his riches in  
glory in Christ Jesus.

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Lapen in Christ church will conduct worship next  
Sunday. Very grateful for their support and help.

Announcements should be in by Thursday noon.

By Sister Berny on 14th June.

TRINITY CHURCH—THE WHITE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Dancton 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP June 6, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 324  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Our Father, we pray for forgiveness, for all the wrongs we have done our fellowmen; for unkind words and untruthful speech; for less of temper and irritating conduct, for neglect of charity and failure in justice, for arrogant pride and contempt of the lowly, forgetfulness of others' pain and advantage taken of others' weakness; for whatever any person may rightfully hold against us; Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the name of Christ. Amen.

\*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture—II Corinthians 13:1-10

\*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer

Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 402

The Sermon—“Know Thyself”  
 The Sermon Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 266  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 20th at 2:00 P.M. a joint consistory meeting will be held in Christ Church.

Also, on June 20th at 8:00 P.M. the Mercersburg Association will officially license and install Ralph C. Link as the pastor of the Trinity Church. The service will be held in Trinity Church.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. George Robb will be representing this congregation at the annual conference June 11-13. At a later date he will make a report to the congregation.

Next Sunday due to the attendance of the pastor at the conference, the Rev. Luke Buffameyer will serve as supply pastor.

We extend our best wishes to John Hair who will be graduating this week. Congratulations John and we wish you well for the future.

Officers elected for the ladies of the church:  
 Pres. Annie Eimerton, V. L. Virginia Losh,  
 Sec'y. Joy Bolter, Treas. Edna Boggs.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. George Ackenbach has agreed to give up some of his vacation to attend a portion of the annual conference as the delegate from this congregation.

The Missionary Circle will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mabel G. Libach.

We extend Happy Birthday greetings to John McCoy who will be observing number 85 tomorrow. Happy birthday John and may you have many more.

Mr. Dennis Fisher is being reassigned to duty in Rhode Island. We wish him well and pray God's blessing upon him in his work and travels.

## Facing Reality

Text: John 4; 15-19

Many times we travel along life's pathway never giving much thought to who we are, what we are doing, where we are going, and then suddenly we see ourselves as we really are. This was what happened to the Samaritan woman at the well. This particular scripture lends itself to many sermons on life. But specifically it teaches us that we must, first know ourselves, that we must face reality, and that we cannot fool God.

The Greek philosopher Socrates said, "Know Thyself." Of all the knowledge in the world this is perhaps the most important thing to know. We can be educated far beyond that of anyone else. And we can hold all sorts of titles and degrees, but if we do not know ourselves, then we are indeed very ignorant or un-educated. Self knowledge is very important. The Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water, never dreaming that she was going to discover herself and see for the first time who she was and to know herself as never before. We can only surmise why she came to this well in particular, since Sychar (High car), is more than a half mile from this well. Barclay in his interpretation states that perhaps she was so much of a moral outcast that she was not permitted to draw water from the village well in ~~Sikar~~ Sychar, where she probably lived, and that the other women of Sychar drove her away. But whatever the reason, she met Jesus at the well. When Jesus told her a very intimate fact about herself, in that she had had five husbands and was presently living with another husband, she saw herself for the first time. She was stopped short and recognized her true self. When we come face to face with Jesus Christ we see ourselves in our true light. We realize that we are sinners and that because of this He gave Himself for us and redeemed us from our sins. We are awakened to the fact that the life we are living is not quite adequate. It needs that extra something and this extra something is Christ in our hearts and lives.

When we have the knowledge of knowing ourselves we must face reality. This is often very difficult, since too many times we like to think that we are usually right and everyone else is wrong. We can pass judgement on

other people but we can't use this same yardstick on ourselves. The story is told of the two R.A.F. fliers during World War II. Both of them had been in combat. The one had just been discharged from the hospital after being in a very bad plane crash. The other man had just come from Buckingham Palace where he had been decorated for bravery. They were dressed in civilian clothes in this little restaurant eating and talking as two very good friends do, and along comes this young lady and places a white feather beside each of their plates and walks away. A white feather is supposed to signify cowardice, and she assumed that since these fellows were not in uniform they were cowards and not doing their duty. And how often we all do this. We say something about Mrs. So and So when we do not even know the facts in the case. Or we say that Mr. Such and Such did this when the story we have heard is second or third hand. But we do not judge ourselves in this way. The poet Robert Burns once said something like this, "O would some power the givers give us, to see ourselves as others see us." And this is more truth than poetry. Think of how wonderful it would be if each time we were to do something which we thought was great, ~~and~~ we could see very well that perhaps we were not motivated out of love, that maybe we were doing it to have others say how wonderful we are. Or maybe we could see that it was not love in our hearts that prompted us to do something else, but merely a chance to look good to others. You see these are the things we should be examining in ourselves. We are quick to pass judgement on others but very slow in seeing where we are wrong. A man named Gilbert Frankau was producing a play. He sent to a theatrical agency for a male actor to play the lead. The young man that was sent was interviewed and given an audition. After this was over Mr. Frankau called the agency and said, "This man can't act, he will never do. He can't act now, nor will he ever be able to act, and you better tell him to find another profession before he starves. By the way tell me his name again so I can cross him off my list." The man's name was Ronald Coleman one of the most famous actors the movies have ever known. So you see it isn't too good to pass what we feel is our expert opinion. Sometimes our opinion is all wrong and many times it hurts people. The Samaritan woman was thankful that Jesus made her see reality. So much so



that she ran ahead into town to tell of her fortune. She wanted others to be made aware of their individual lives. To know that they were not all right and

anyone else wrong. This is what happens when we really encounter Jesus. Paul stated in his famous chapter on immortality that, "We see through a mirror darkly, but then we shall see face to face." We sometimes see face to face in this world. We are confronted with our sinful selves and we are made to realize that this is us. This is you and me. The real me. And we cannot escape this fact when it occurs, and the reason we can't is because we cannot fool God. We can fool ourselves and we can perhaps fool other people. But the stark and real truth is that God cannot be fooled by us. Two brothers ran a coal company. They were equal partners. A ~~certain~~ <sup>LOCAL</sup> preacher was continually after them to come to church and to join.

Finally one of the brothers went to church and he liked it. So he coaxed his brother to go with him, but he wouldn't. ~~Finally~~ The one brother got to going pretty regular and so he joined the church. After this he kept after his brother to come to church and to join as he did. No amount of persuasion did any good. Finally he asked him point blank why it was he wouldn't join. The brother always told him simply that he couldn't. Finally one day he said that he couldn't join because somebody had to weigh the coal. This fellow knew that it wasn't right to short change on the weight, but he also knew that his customers didn't know it. So they took advantage of the situation. And although this is only a story the fact still remains that they couldn't fool God. We can live as we want, we can do as we please, but in the final analysis we are only kidding ourselves. So we can outsmart someone today, and maybe we can outsmart a lot of people along the way, but the fact is that we know who we are and what we are doing. And if we should happen to forget, we can be assured that God knows all that we do.

A certain farmer wrote to a newspaper that he had plowed his lands on a Sunday, sown his seed on a Sunday, reaped his harvest on a Sunday, and done his threshing on a Sunday. When October came he said he had found better results than any of his neighbors who had not worked on Sundays. He asked the newspaper how this could be explained. The editors note below the farmers letter consisted of a single line; "God does not make up His accounts in October." This only goes to point out that if we ever feel that we are fooling anyone, it will only be

ourselves.

The Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Instead of water she received the living water of God. Jesus let her get a glimpse of herself as she had never done before. She saw who she was, and she faced reality, and she learned once and for all that she could not fool God. Sometimes people, and many of them are church people, go through their whole lives never knowing themselves as they really are. The unfortunate thing is that they do not want to know themselves. But a truly smart Christian wants to begin to realize from the very beginning of his belief that he is a sinner and that he needs help. This help can only come from God through Jesus working in our lives. We all need to look at ourselves inwardly from time to time to make sure we are on the right track. And to insure this we need to fortify our everyday lives with religion. So you see it all goes hand in hand; religion, living, and God. So during these weeks when the emphasis is on education and degrees and what has been learned during a childhood of schooling, the best thing we can all learn regardless of our ages, is to "know thyself." Let us pray.

"Thou thyself" -- Separates

LEFT JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 AM LEFT HOME WITH THE FAMILY

Story of Jesus and Samaritan woman; Jesus came to Jacob's well around noon and sat down by the well. Along comes Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus because of well about 1 mile from the town, also woman drew water in early morning. Must have been an outcast. He asks for drink, she says, "you a Jew ask me for a drink?" Samaritans and Jews, do not mingle. Jesus answers, "If you only knew what God is offering and who is saying give me drink, you would have asked and he would give living water." No bucket and well is deep, how could you get this living water? Are you greater than Jacob who gave us this well, and drank from it and sons and cattle? Jesus answered, "Whoever drinks of this will get thirsty again, but whoever drinks of water I give will never thirst again." "The water I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

"Sir, give me that water that I may never get thirsty and may never have to come here for water again."

Go and call your husband and come back here."

"I have no husband."

"You are right, for although you have had five, the one you now have is not your husband and you spoke the truth."

"I see you are a prophet sir, our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place to worship."

Then he revealed to her that he was the messiah.

She was stopped short by Jesus answer, saw herself for first time

When we come face to face with JC we see ourselves in true light.

Realize we are sinners and he redeemed us from sin. realize life not completely adequate and that extra something is Christ in hearts and lives.

Must face reality, and this very difficult

Too many times we are right and others wrong.

Illustration of TAP fliers.

So easy to judge others. We go and go on Mr. Such and Such, and stories maybe third or fourth hand. But do not judge ourselves this way.

Illustration - wrong lines.

How wonderful if each time we did something we would question our real motives. Merely came to look good in others eyes? our own selfish reasons?

Do not wish less judgement on others, and do allow to judge ourselves.

Illustration Gilbert Frankov.

Samaritan woman thankful Jesus made her see reality, ran ahead to tell of him.

Wanted others to know of him, this is result of encountering Jesus, we want to tell

and, "See through a mirror darkly, but then we shall see face to face."

We are confronted with sinful selves and realize this is us.

You are so.

Can fool friends, neighbors, acquaintances, but not God.

stark and real truth is the God cannot be fooled by us.



Illustration of brothers in coal business.

only story but fact remains they couldn't fool God.

Could cheat customers and themselves but not God.

We can live as we want, do as we please, but final analysis only kidding ourselves.

We can outsmart some today and outsmart a lot along lifes way, but we know who  
we are and what we are doing.

God knows.

Illustration of farmer and letter to editor.

God really knows.

Ameritan woman came to draw water, instead she received living water of God.

Jesus gave her a glimpse of herself as she had never done before.

she saw who she was and faced reality.

She learned she could not fool God.

Sometimes many persons never know who they really are all through life.

Smart Christian wants to know and must begin to realize from very beginning.

Must know he is a sinner and needs help.

Help can only come from God through Jesus working in our lives.

All need to look at selves inwardly from time to time, make sure right track.

And to fortify everyday lives with religion.

All hand in hand, religion, living and God.

Some weeks when emphasis on ed. and degrees and what learned during a childhood  
of schooling, best thing to learn ~~ixtix~~ regardless of age, is to, "know thyself."



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\*Processional Hymn / 4  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Hebrews 12; 1-13  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Visitors welcome

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 282  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 282  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

St. John Lenten 9:30 6/15/69

\*Processional Hymn 77  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Gal. 61 Pg. 608  
Hymn 282  
Scripture Hebrews 12; 1-13  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
New ending again.

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 77  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Hymn 282  
Recessional on last verse  
Seated closing Prayer while cand. ext.

Call to worship: I magnify the Lord with all, and let  
us exult His name together. Holy, Holy, Holy is the  
Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

Call to Confession: I will arise and go to my Father,  
and I will say to him, "Father I have sinned against  
heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be  
called your son." Let us come now before our Father  
and seek His forgiveness.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The saying is sure and worthy  
of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the  
world to save sinners. The Lord is near to the  
broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Amen.

Offering prayer thou hast; God, who needs not to be en-  
riched by our gifts, that we bring, yet who loves a  
cheerful giver, receive these offerings, ~~of~~ our souls,  
our bodies, a living sacrifice to You, in Jesus name-

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PEARL ANDERSON IS RECEIVING IN ROOM 338  
OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Mrs. BILLMAN & FLOWERS

VISITORS WELCOME

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Trinity Church, Newfield, N. H.	9:00 A.M.
Trinity Church, Newfield, N. H.	10:30 A.M.

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... we pray for you, O God, according to  
 thy lovingkindness; according to the multitude  
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 ties. Wash us thoroughly from our in-  
 iquities, and cleanse us from all unrighteous-  
 ness. Keep us from all falsehood, and our  
 sin be ever before us. Grant us us clean-  
 ness, O God, and renew a right spirit with-  
 in us. Grant us not way from thy presence;  
 do not let thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen.  
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Joint consistory meeting this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in Christ Church.

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As expected, I thank you to Helen Lyons, Shirley  
Dink, Del, Mary and Lil for serving in  
the Veterans High School this past week. The  
offering amount to \$45.94 on Thursday and  
for Friday the special offering amounted to  
\$35.42. This will be used to buy out wear  
for children in kindergarten. The average atten-  
dance for the week was 71.

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The extent of thanks to Perkins, the Rev. Betty Smith, and Janet Graham for working in the Youth Bible School this past week. The offering amounted to \$104.56 Monday through Thursday and \$38.35 on Friday which was the Youth Challenge. The offering collected at the Communion Service amounted to \$70.13.

The flowers on the Clavel are in memory of  
Sister Helen's and John Hebenbach.

4. Tour of the Church - Life Service Center at  
New Windsor Hospital can be arranged for June  
28th if there are enough interested people.  
Details are on the bulletin board.

## Christian Fathers

Text Hebrews 12; 9-11

Since preached for mothers day must not forget good old dad.

is day he is supposed to be king. When he can stretch out in lawn chair and relax with no worries and supposedly no little women to say, Harry, start the charcoal fire, or, empty the garbage or some other thing.  
Or the kids hollering, "Dad, can you get my ball, its in the gutter again, or tie my shoes, or some other nerve wrecking deal.

Do most dads want a real day to themselves?

Do may say so down deep inside, but really we like to be around families and enjoy their company and be needed by them. At least real fathers do, the ones who call themselves Christian.

Should be joy to be called father and Christian at that.

Fathers were then with a little boy or girl saying do do to make him a father.

Man who is willing to do a man's work, willing to be a man, not afraid to work and bring home the money to support his wife and kids. A man willing to discipline himself so that he may be an example for his children to follow.

How many can you think of who do not even come close to this. All know examples but man is not perfect, and the weaker need our help and assistance.

Cannot judge others because we have faults.

Forgetting the contradictions in married.

Will raise his kids to act a certain way, and do certain things, and they turn out very good and good men.

Old dad is a nice enough fellow, but he had an argument with someone in the church and he will never forgive that guy and won't come until that other fellow is out. He thinks a certain neighbor should act a certain way and until he does he will not speak to him.

Children isn't it?

Do most change ourselves and then try to help other fellow.

Author of Hebrews tells us: Illustration

We all remember how Dad punished us.

For our own good.

Life has pains and sorrows, not every day sunshine, but we become tempered to life makes us aware that we are human, and have another father. Not sufficient to self.

Too many think have all answers and God has returned in thinking or plans.

Person concerned with soul and afterlife knows needs power, being, creator turn to life takes on meaning when we see and feel results of God working in lives

this is joy of being father.

We know that God has used us as instruments to bring life into worlds and to look after and care as heavenly father looks after us.

All seen and heard image of Father in story and legend, illustration

in all the stories where God is almost a fixture and it is mother who solves all of the problems. All of the smart things are done and said by her. Father just took up space.

Life not like this. Makes man husband and wife to be a family. One cannot do it properly alone.



2.  
and must have a strong influence on family to keep on even level

This is Christian father and need more to help, long as it should be.

These children will determine destiny of nation.

Must all become dedicated fathers.

Willing to serve Lord, and take responsibility seriously enough to care what happens to our kids.

Example of young man and wife expecting and fearful of future for children.

Ever thought of this?

What will world be like in future, 20 years, 10 years?

Some written, not best seller but words are haunting.

Follow talking to fiancée and asking,

Will there be kids, two or three kids?

Choose, it's hard to choose.

Will they grow up in a fair world?

Will it blow up? Do you care world?

This is our world; is it their world?

We must choose."

Should be concerned about future of kids everywhere.

Kids today telling us this is reality.

Water and air pollution, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, wasting of resources.

May seem remote and distant but on our front doorstep and we better start being concerned.

Fought several wars to make world safe for unborn generations, but did we?

Time we started to live for this reason instead of dying for it.

Caring and being concerned for those to come.

This is the task of Christian fathers.

All banded together could make and have a staggering result.

Men willing to put forth the effort to make this a better world and to raise children that will look up to them.

Today is the ~~xxxx~~ day, and now is the time.

"This is our world; is it their world? We must choose."

## Christian Fathers

Text: Hebrews 12: 9-11

"Besides we have all had our human fathers who punished us, and we respected them for it; we ought to be even more willing to submit ourselves to our Spiritual Father, to be given life. Our human fathers were thinking of this short life when they punished us, and could only do what they thought best; but He does it for our own good so that we may share His own Holiness."

Last year after I preached the sermon I had prepared for Mothers day, several fellows, (Some of our choir boys), told me they would bet that I wouldn't have the nerve to preach a sermon similar to it on Fathers Day. Well, they were right I didn't. It wasn't because I didn't have the nerve, but simply because I wasn't here. However I have resolved to do just that this morning; preach a sermon about fathers. Every year we get a little sentimental and the merchants start playing on the heart strings of countless young boys and girls and even grown up boys and girls, concerning thinking about dear old Dad. Of course we all know that this is also done on Mothers Day. However we had our say on that and now we face Dad's Day. This is the day when he is supposed to be king. When he can really stretch out in his lawn chair and relax with no worries and no cares and supposedly no little woman to say, "Harry start the charcoal fire, or empty the garbage", or some other thing. Or the kids, hollering, "Hey Dad, can you get my ball, its in the gutter again. Or, "tie my shoes, or some other little nerve racking deal. But do most Dads really want this? I suppose a lot of us would say yes, but down deep in side we kind of like a change from our daily working routine. We like to be around our families and to be called upon for assistance and help. At least the real Fathers do. The Fathers who can proudly call themselves Christian. It should be a joy to be called a father and a Christian one at that. It takes more than a wide eyed little boy or girl saying Da Da to a man to make him a father. ~~Thisxxxx~~ It takes a guy who is willing to accept the responsibilities of marriage with a woman. A man who is not afraid to work to provide the money to raise the family. A man who is willing to submit his life to a discipline of being an example for his children to follow. How many fathers can you think of in your mind today, who do not even come close to being this type? How many men can you picture who are the poorest substitute for a father? We all know of examples like this. We also know that since men are human they are not perfect. Therefore we must be willing to point out the way to our weaker brothers. We can never

stand back and judge other men too much, because we have our faults too. But it is surprising how a man will raise his children to do the right thing and to

t a certain way, and ~~yet~~ when you meet these grown men and women you are really surprised at the finished product. They are wonderful, <sup>well grown</sup> ~~nice~~ grown children their parents can be proud of. But how about good old Dad? Well, he's a nice enough fellow, but he had this argument about someone in the church and got mad and storm-  
ed out and no one has seen him back since. Childish isn't it? Or he thinks a cer-  
tain neighbor should act a certain way, and if ~~it~~ doesn't he is all wrong. But we could cite all kinds of examples. I think you know what I mean. The thing we men  
all need to do is to straighten ourselves out before we can do it for others. But this does not mean that we need to do it alone. We can help each other along  
lives path and if we each look out for the other we can be better people for it.

<sup>of</sup>  
~~Then~~ The author ~~of the Hebrews~~ Hebrews had something to say about this. He tells us that, "we have all had our human fathers who punished us, and we respected them for it; we ought to be even more willing to submit ourselves to our Spiritual  
ther, to be given life. Our human fathers were thinking of this short life when they punished us, and could only do what they thought best; but He does it for our own good, so that we may share His own Holiness." We can all remember how our dads punished us. Sometimes they did it forcefully and other times they tried to reason with us. But it was done for our own good. And so it is with life we have a certain amount of sorrow and pain to go along with joy and happiness. We know that every day is not a day of sunshine. But it is this way so that we can become tempered to life. We can look forward to struggle as well as joy. This not only takes the monotony out of life, but it makes us aware that we are human. That we are under the care and keeping of another father, besides our human one. This also makes us aware that we are not sufficient unto ourselves. Too many of today's people think that they have all the answers. They know what is what and God is not included in their knowing. But the person who is concerned with his  
all and what is to come after this life, knows that he needs this power, this being this creator, to turn to. Life takes on meaning when we can see and feel the re-  
sults of God working in our lives. This is the joy of being a father. To know that God has used us as His instruments to bring another life into the world and to



look after him or her as our Heavenly Father looks after us.

And then we have all seen and heard of the image of a father according to story and legend. Several years ago, there was a program on tv called, "Father Knows Best." Perhaps you remember it. It was a nice family situation, a lot better than some of the present fare on television. But it did an injustice to the entire male population. The title was completely wrong, because the plot always made the father out to be a cross between a moron and a mental case. He never did know best. All the smart things were thought of by the wife. All of the problems were solved by the wife. In fact father was merely a guy who just took up space on the program and grunted a few remarks once in a while to keep it from being a monologue. What I am trying to say is that we all know life is not like this. It takes a combination of husband and wife to be mothers and fathers. One can't do the job properly alone. It takes a sharing of thoughts and ideas. It takes help from each other to do the job and do ~~it~~ well. Dad must have a say so in the rearing of the children. In fact he should be the stabilizing influence in the family that keeps it on an even keel. This is a Christian father and we need to corral more of them to keep our land the land it should be. It is how we rear our children that will determine the destiny of our nation. This means that we can't be just slipshod, any old thing goes <sup>type of</sup> dads. We must be and become truly dedicated Fathers. Willing to serve our Lord and to take our responsibility seriously enough that we care what happens to our kids. I was talking to a young man this past week who has ~~only~~ been married a little over a year and who found out on Saturday that his wife is going to have a baby in February. He told me that his fear of the future overshadows his happiness of his oncoming parenthood. He fears what the world will be like when his child is grown. What will he or she have to face? What kind of world will it be? Have you ever thought of this? It is a sobering thought to say the least. A popular song was written along these very lines. It never became a large seller and there are many people who ~~have~~ never heard it. But I am sure that were you to hear it once its words would continue to go through your mind for some time to come. The author ~~xxxx~~ wrote this song along the lines of a fellow talking to his fiance. He is telling



her that <sup>they</sup> ~~she~~ must choose what course their life will take. The title of it is "Choose". The one part that is pertinent to what I am trying to say goes like this: "Will there be kids, two or three kids?

Choose, it's hard to choose.

Will they grow up in a fair world?

Will it blow up; do you care world?

This is our world; is it their world?

We must choose."

What this man is saying is that we should be concerned about the future of mankind. Not just for our selfish reasons, but for the growing generations and those as yet unborn. Our concern needs to be about air pollution, water pollution, soil conservation, saving our natural resources. These may seem remote and distant from us, but they are important to the very life of humanity. They are not projects that too many women are involved in but they certainly are in the category of Fathers. This is the larger responsibility of fatherhood; to be concerned about not only ourselves but for generations to come. We fought several wars for this very reason; to make the world safe for those to come. Well we need to start living for this reason. We need to start in our own little neighborhoods and communities where we live. We need to start being more Christian fathers; working and serving humanity wherever we can. This is our need as a nation and as a world. Perhaps you and I individually cannot do too much. But think of the results if the efforts can be multiplied by hundreds and thousands and millions. The end result could be staggering. But it takes men who are willing to put forth the effort, who are willing to work, and be deserving of the name father. Today is the day and now is the time, "This is our world; is it their world? We must choose." Let us pray.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pittsburgh, Pa.

125th Anniversary Year

John R. Bucher, Pastor

Esther W. Herwig, Organist and Director

Kenneth Griffin, Acolyte

3rd Sunday after Trinity June 27, 1971

ORGAN PRELUDES

a) "Andante from the 9th Sonata" by Merkel

b) "Pastorale Allegretto" by Gambini

MEDITATION - "Guide Me O Thou Great

Jehovah" by Hastings

\* SOLEMN ANNOUNCEMENT

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

M. Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy:

C. I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

\* GLORIA PATRI

\* COLLECT for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

HYMN #181 - "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle - I Peter 5:1-11

Gospel - Luke 15:1-10

\* DOXOLOGY

\* STATEMENT OF FAITH

(Inside the front cover of your hymnal)

SILENT PRAYER and PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - "Chansonette" by Rasley

OFFERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFERENCE REPORT by Mrs. Estella Haase

\* HYMN #295 - "The Church's One Foundation"

SERMON - "Teach Us to Pray"

Text - Luke 11:1

LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #59 - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\* BLESSING and THREEFOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE - "March in C" by Guilment

(\* - congregation standing)

Our altar flowers are placed in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schrompf and their daughter, Catherine, by the family.

SUNDAY JUNE 27th

11:45 A.M. Short congregational meeting to discuss the two items mentioned in the church letter you received this past week.

7:30 P.M. Planning meeting for our Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's.

MONDAY JUNE 28th

7:00 P.M. Anniversary Book and Publicity Committee at the church.

THURSDAY JULY 1st

8:00 P.M. First meeting of the Joint Committee from St. Peter's and St. Paul's congregations at St. Paul's Church. Rev. Paul Westcoat is the convener. Our representatives are Paul Aloyi, Clarence Lyons, and Allen Stopnick, with Carl Weissbart as the alternate member. We will look forward to their report.

Last Sunday, June 20th, Mercersburg Association of Penn Central Conference licensed and installed Ralph Link in Trinity Charge. His address is: Mr. Ralph C. Link, P.O. Box #174, New Bloomfield, Pa. 17068. We extend congratulations to Ralph and to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Link.

The pastor and Mrs. Bucher thank you for the surprise reception and gifts last Sunday morning. They were deeply appreciated.

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We are planning to observe the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning at both churches.

The Nite Society will meet on Thursday July 8th at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Wynn.

Men's Brotherhood will have the service at  
Kincore Home this afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Anyone who would like to donate blood to replace the blood given to Mrs. Schenbach may make this donation at the Polyclinic Hospital. Just let them know that it is given on her behalf. She is in room 149 of the Main Bldg.

The Congregation is cordially invited to the wedding of Patricia Ann Slatto and Richard G. Dobyns on Saturday July 10, 1971 at 2:00 P.M.

Religious Freedom

NATIONAL Holidays  
(4TH JULY)

Text: 2 Cor. 3:17 B

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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In a few days we will celebrate what is known as independence day. Or the fourth of July as it has come to be known. We all know the story behind this day and how the American nation became free on the 4th of July. We need not therefore go into this story because it is mainly a history lesson and not a religious one. But as our thoughts are turned toward independence, let us think about another type of independence or freedom. Religious freedom. Now is this the religious freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

But before we get into this let us backtrack a bit in our Scripture and define just what it is Paul is talking about when he refers to Moses.

If we go back to the 34th chapter of Exodus we find that Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with the stone tablets in his hands and his face shone and was radiant after speaking to God. When Aaron and the leaders and the Israelites saw him they were afraid and would not come near to him. But he called out to them and they recognized him as Moses and came up to him. Then Moses would tell them all that he had been told by God. After he finished speaking he put a veil over his face so that they could no longer see the radiance shining there. But Paul tells us that the reason Moses covered his face was because the radiance was going to fade and Moses did not want the Israelites to see the fading of what had to fade. Paul then points out several things about the veil. He says that the Jews listen to the Scripture which <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ the Old Testament every Sabbath in the Synagogue and there is a veil over their eyes which keeps them from seeing the truth and the real meaning of it. What he is saying is that the Scriptures should point them to Jesus Christ but the veil keeps them from seeing this. Then he goes on to say that the veil is still there and will remain there until they see the risen Lord and accept Him.

Perhaps we may ponder how Paul would know all this about the Jews. But we must



remember that Paul was first and foremost a Jew. In fact when he had his conversion experience he felt compelled to try to reach the Jews first and then the Gentiles. Every city that he visited he went first to the Synagogue to speak. Since he was a stranger he was permitted to speak and after he launched into his message of Jesus Christ he was usually expelled from the premises. Then he would try to reach the Gentiles of that city. But the strange thing is that in almost all of the Synagogues there were some Jews who were less strict in their religion and these Jews would secretly come to the other meetings which Paul conducted in that city. In fact some of them would travel to nearby cities when they knew Paul would be there. So you see Paul's message was not completely lost on his Jewish brothers. But Paul did not speak too kindly of the Jews who remained strictly orthodox. Then Paul goes on to say that Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. This freedom contains three basic ingredients. They are hope, joy and love.

The hope of this freedom is that God is there to care for us at all times. Those who do not believe in God do not have this hope. Have you ever heard an atheist express his views on immortality? If you have you know that they say very emphatically that when you die you are dead. But the Christian does not believe this and as proof we can point to Christ and say that is what I believe. We also have the hope of our sins being forgiven. And again we point to Jesus as our example. Can you picture what life would be without this hope? I believe that life would be miserable all the time. Perhaps this is why those who are atheistic and cynical toward religion are so sour. Their outlook is so narrow and hope is small. But the Christian has a broad, wide outlook on life. He can have hope for the present and hope for the future. This is the hope that we have in the Lord. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand. These beautiful words of a familiar hymn express the hope that is ours with the freedom of Christ.

The joy of this freedom is that we are able to live in the hustle bustle of this world and still be joyful. We can be pressed on all sides by strife and struggle. We can be faced with peril, with grief, with the hatreds and all the other ills of this life, and yet we can have joy in our hearts. Yes joy. Joy that can only be ours when we have Christ in our lives. When we can say as Job, I know that my redeemer lives. This is the joy of religious freedom. Again it is a joy that is not enjoyed by those who are unbelievers. Those who do not believe in Christ cannot see joy in the hardships of life. Nor can they find joy in the trying circumstances that face them. But the Christian can. It isn't easy to look at life sometimes and be joyful. To be sure, we can't laugh off some of the things that come our way. But if we take time to look at our lot, we can see that we still have the joy of Christ in our hearts. The story is told of ~~the~~ young couple back in the vaudeville days. They were on a tour of one night stands. They had just finished their last show for the night and were standing in the cold drizzling rain in a small town waiting for the bus to take them to their cheap hotel. In store for them was a miserable midnight meal cooked over a small hot plate. Then to bed and up at four A. M. to catch the train to the next small town. As they waited on the corner a sleek black, chauffeur driven limosine drove slowly by. They caught a glimpse of costly furs, jewels and richly dressed people. Look pretty wonderful doesn't it exclaimed the wife. Yeah it does look wonderful, replied the husband, but don't forget, they can't act." This is sort of like the joy that we have. We can see the people of the world who seem to have more of everything than we have, but many of them are lacking the one ingredient that we have in our lives. We have the joy of knowing that even if we may never be famous or wealthy or world renowned, we have the freedom of the Lord in our lives. The joy of Christ in our hearts. Wealth may vanish, fame may be just a fleeting thing, and empires may crumble, but this joy can never be taken away from us. It is ours through the goodness and mercy of God. He gives it to us freely if we but accept it.

Love is the basic ingredient of this freedom that cannot be understood

by outsiders. They ask, "How can you show love to your enemies, and those who hate you? The answer to this question is not as easy to do as it is to say. Our answer is that Jesus said this is what we are to do. You have heard me say this before, but we cannot say it often enough. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a Gospel of love. We must learn to love everyone. This includes all of those people we have placed in those neat little compartments of our brains. You know, the group we call communists, the negroes, the catholics, the jews, the Red Chinese, the Viet Cong. All of the groups or individuals we secretly hate or dislike. Jesus said to love them. We cannot recognize them by titles such as communists, or catholics and so on. We must recognize them as being children of God. Our brothers and deserving of our love.

One of the classes I attended at Lancaster a week or so ago was taught by a Prof. Bela Vassady. He teaches Systematic Theology at the seminary. He is a terrific man. He was born in Hungary and received at least part of his education in this country. He made the remark that he graduated from Central Theological Seminary of Dayton Ohio in 1924. Incidentally Rev. Kieck graduated from this same Seminary in 1928. But Dr. Vassady returned to his native Hungary. He taught there and was very active in the Reformed Church there. He came back to America in 1946 when the communists took over Hungary. He returned to Hungary in 1964 for a visit. And he got to see and talk to many of his former students. Most of them he said wanted to talk to him in private, which was impossible because he was watched all the time he was there. But the one remark that he made, that we can all take to heart is what many of the Hungarian people told him. Many of them said, "Sure I belong to the communist party, but that is because I must or I will be in trouble with the authorities. But I am not a communist. I was born a Christian and I will die one. We may be under communist control but we are going to outlove and outhope the communists." Think of it. Here are people who are virtual prisoners in their own homeland. And yet they still can love their rulers and those who are over them. This does not mean to imply that these people can love what the communists stand for and some of the horrible things

they do and have done. But they love the individual for what he is. A creature of God and a fellow brother on this road of life. Just as much deserving of this love of God as anyone. We cannot and must not love the evil or evil ways of some of our brothers either, but we must learn to love them enough that we pray for their forgiveness by God. This is what you and I can do for these people we have compartmentalized in our hearts and minds. Love, love and more love. Each and every day of our lives we need to try that much harder to love someone whom we consider as unlovable. Then and only then can we have the love in our hearts that is ours as a part of this religious freedom.

We can have hope, we can have joy, and we can have love. These are the gifts of God through His son Jesus Christ. They are ~~loves~~ <sup>loves and joy</sup> and they are free. In fact it is only when we have them in our hearts and lives that we can be completely free. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John, "That you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We have this freedom of religion because we have the truth. And the truth is Jesus Christ. Let us Pray.



.. John Emlenton 9:30 6/30/68

\*Processional Hymn 387  
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\*Pastoral Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
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\*Threefold Amen  
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\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
"LORDS DONATION"

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 437  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 435  
~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen  
\*Postlude

TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 Pastor: C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Lancaster 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bedford 10:30 A.M.  
 THE ORDER OF WORSHIP July 11, 1971

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 \*The Offering of Tithes and Offerings  
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 \*The Threefold Amen  
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# CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Heidelberg Class extends an invitation to  
 the ladies of the church to Paul Hopper's  
 lot on the river Tuesday July 13th at 7:30.

BANK BUILDING 11 IN CIRCLE  
 HOSPITAL

A Different Song  
(A Communion Meditation)

Text: Psalm 99:1, Rev. 5: 9,10.

In our present age we have heard much and much has been made of singing and singing groups. Several short years ago one of the most popular television programs was one called sing along with Mitch. The audience at home was asked to sing the songs as they were played. Down through the ages mankind has been asked to sing along. The psalmist asked the Israelites to, "Sing a new song unto the Lord." The new song was the same one, that God is good. That he is the Lord and Father of all mankind.

In the book of Revelation the four brothers and the twenty four elders, fell down before the Lamb and they sang a new song to the Lamb. And all men and mankind has been singing this new song to the Lord. But is it really a new song or is it just a different song?

At the Communion breakfast on Good Friday at the WMA, Dr. Lindquist the Presbyterian minister from Hollywood California gave an illustration about a Black bird who had written a book entitled, "Why the Caged Bird Sings." He told of how they catch wild canaries in Palestine and the Holy Land. Now a man will have a bird in a cage and he places something on the limbs of nearby trees that when a canary flies to one of those branches its feet become stuck to the limb and so he just picks the bird off the limb and into a cage. But the bird does not have to be taught to sing, for it knows how and it does it very beautifully.

There have been many cases of caged birds singing. Daniel was one. When he was placed in the lions den the king was not too certain that he would come out alive. But when he went the next day and called out to him, Daniel answered him and sang of his God and how he had saved him. Though he was a prisoner surrounded by the terror of being killed, he sang like the caged bird.

Paul and Silas had been arrested and were secured in their prison cell by having their feet placed in stocks or leg irons. But during the night around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns and the other prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earth-

make. Ironed chains were loosened and the doors of the jail were thrown open. The jailer awakened and seeing the doors open he was frightened and drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted, "Wait do not harm yourself for we are all here." And he rushed in with lights and fell down before them and said, "What must I do to be saved?" Perhaps he meant what he had to do to be saved from the authorities wrath. But Paul thinking along the lines of his spiritual needs, told him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." ~~xxxxxx~~ And these caged birds sang.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a man imprisoned and condemned by Adolf Hitler because he defied the Nazi system. He was sentenced to be hung. But in the time he was awaiting execution, he wrote letters that he smuggled out. He counseled the other prisoners and helped them by praying for them and trying to ease the lot of each of them. But he sang this caged bird. He sang a song that has been echoed since he was hung in 1944.

The song that was sung by Daniel, by Paul and Silas and by Dietrich Bonhoeffer was not a new song, but the old song of God and His love. But basically the song of Paul. Silas and Bonhoeffer was a different song. For these caged birds sang of a love so strong, so powerful by this God, that he took his very own son and had him offered up for the sins of all mankind. Yes, even this caged bird sang., this Jesus the Son of God. He sang a different song with his life, with every fiber of his being. He sang a song of love for his enemies. A song of sacrifice, "rather take this cup from me, but nevertheless not what I will but your will be done." And he sang a song of hope, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there may you be also."

And so God has sung His song by giving us a life, and he meets us at His table, in this sacrament. Because he has given his son, and we can have communion with his spirit as we partake of this feast, we too can sing a song. A different song. A song taught to us of love, forgiveness for our sins, and hope for the end of this life. When we accept Jesus' love we become singers of a different song indeed. We sing with our very lives and souls.



God is concerned about us and he does care. (otherwise he would not have given  
his son for us. So at the invitation of the Israelist, let us sing a new song  
to the Lord, but really it will not be a new song, but a different one. The  
song of love as shown by God through his son. Come let us feast and go forth  
with a voice singing a different song. Amen.

MINISTRY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duaneannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP July 13, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 69  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy  
 steadfast love; according to thy abundant  
 mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us  
 thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us  
 from our sin. For we know our transgressions,  
 and our sin is ever before us. Against thee  
 only have we sinned, and done that which is  
 evil in thy sight. So that thou art justified  
 in thy sentence, and blameless in thy judg-  
 ment. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and  
 put a new and right spirit within us. Cast  
 us not away from thy presence, and take not  
 the Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the  
 joy of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy  
 filling Spirit. Amen.  
 \*The Lyric  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture--1 John 2:1-14  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Amen. (Christ)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Recitation of Hithers and Offerings  
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#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Although summer is upon us and we are involved  
 in vacations and summer activities, the bills  
 and debts of the church still go on. In-  
 stead of throwing those envelopes away for the  
 Sundays we do not attend, please remember the  
 church and bring them with you or send them in.

During the month of August while the Pastor is  
 on vacation, we will have as our guest pastors,  
 the Rev. Luther F. Heibert, Jr. on August 1st  
 and the Rev. Luke Buffenmyer on the 8th, 15th,  
 and 22nd. The bulletins will be prepared  
 ahead of time and if there are special an-  
 nouncements it will be necessary to give  
 them to the visiting pastor prior to the  
 morning service.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers for this morning have been placed  
 in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles K.  
 Hampton by their daughter Mrs. Inez Morris.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

\*HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING

\*GLORIA PATRI

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

The Congregation  
Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer  
O Lord; Incline thine ear to us, and  
grant us thy peace. Amen.

OFFERING

\*DOXCLOGY

SCRIPTURE

\*HYMN

SERMON

\*HYMN

BENEDICTION

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\*The Congregation is requested to stand

The historic Union Congregational Church  
welcomes you to worship in this most  
beautiful place. May you find a dynamic  
stimulus to an ever deepening relationship  
with God and with others, as well as the  
"peace that passes all understanding."

Next: I Jan 3; 11 & 12.

7/11 Young men had chosen drift in world of drifters, rootless, restless, wanderers. *WE LIVE IN WORLD OF MANY CHANGES IN PACE, LIFE. HAPPY AS SAY.*

My lived price paid for being different from home people. Least he told self this. *MY HAD HE MONEY? MY SHOW STRANGERS?*

Family and friend bunch of squares. Could not believe hypocrisy, self righteous attitudes and piety. Trying to make fit a mold.

Hated and had animosity to them in spite of talking peace and serenity, no love shown by him.

Some Cain meant great and conveyed something of nature of him.

At times remembered killing Abel but tried to push thoughts into far recesses of his brain. All gone and forgotten, it was it? *← PART OF STRAIGHT WORLD*

Abel had been old, nuisance. Part of haircuts conventional clothing. Listening to the elders and doing what expected

All this gave Cain pain.

All Abel thought of was sheep. Stupid sheep. So even called like sheep.

He had to look after him. Adam said look after Brother Abel.

Good grief he hated that.

HE thought of times he had shown brother up as stupid shepherd boy.

He was sharp and direct in dealings much like his name spoke.

By these war days. Made it his as said he would.

Almost spread around. Didn't work, others did that. Picked with foreman.

Used brains and with collateral of proverbs from his more land.

Accepted his brothers but still long for more. *CAIN FIRM, CANN ENTER,*

Remembered brother showed him he in front of Lord.

Lord's wife saw instead of weakest sheep and more wiser.

Anyone could see Cain gave more with his sorrowful face.

But Lord accepted Abel and not him.

Remembered his up and he pointed Lord.

Lord said, *WITTYGUMMUMMUM* "If you do well, will you not be accepted?"

All his efforts counted for nothing. So one knew how he should and needed to get to where he was.

Obvious that Lord preferred Abel and he did not realize that he could have Lord's favor too if he became like brother.

Brooded over brother standing in his way to being accepted.

Did not remember further words of Lord, "If you do not well, sin is crouching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Warious with Abel and remembered all of problems caused him. Had it with him. *RIGHTLY HIT*

He plotted and forged plan whereby get his alone in fields.

Got him on pretext of business. Then sure alone stabbed Abel and buried in shallow grave.

At last free of him.

What really liked was God looking for Abel.

Remembered how he asked, "Where is Abel?"



remembered how he said, "I don't know" and then how he had asked, "Am I my brothers keeper?"

To which God had roared at him, "What have you done?"

Then he took this God bit seriously

He was still hurt because after all he had done God still cared about Abel more

God told him he would be wanderer.

God told him he might get murdered.

God told him he would kill anyone killing him. Then marked him on forehead and sent off. Swelt in land of God, Hebrew for wandering.

First hippy begins ceaseless wanderings on earth.

We as wanderers in own right, bear marks of Cain and Christ.

There some guilt as Cain, are marked by nail prints of Christ.

We sink into ground unknown, but we are never forgotten.

God loves us and cares for us.

Even at our worst God loves and will forgive.

Have much more going for us than Cain did.

Only has a little history behind as background of life.

We have hundreds of years of sin in world and more envy, greed, jealousy to show how to live.

But as Cain follow stupidly along, committing same offences generation after generation.

God sacrificed Son on Cross for man, because of utter futility of trying to redeem him.

In evil desires and following of evil respectable sheep.

Genesis, "Will we like sheep have gone astray."

Message still same as John says, "As you heard it from the beginning, we are to love one another; not be like Cain, who balanced to the evil one and cut his brothers throat; cut his own brothers throat; for this reason, that his own life was evil and his brother lived a good life."

Reach out to brothers in love instead of hatred

Secret our hearts and our hearts are envious of what they can't have and we not. Secret our hearts toward we should love.

Little of Abel in part of us and lot of Cain

98 Cain and I Abel must be expelled around.

100 series of "Quinn" Cain, change to "Quinn" Abel.

101 will look after and care as he did Abel, but must strive to right and follow footsteps of Son.

102 loud and clear bible story, whether murdered or murderers, God cares and seeks us out. James looking for us.

103 will we give as Abel or as Cain? Choice ours. Neither best or living by wits and giving what we can get by with.

104 speaking of hippies, what are we?

### Speaking of Wivvies

Text: I John 3; ~~12~~ 11 & 12, "And this is the message as you heard it from the beginning: that we are to love one another; not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and cut his brothers throat; cut his brothers throat simply for this reason, that his own life was evil and his brother lived a good life."

The young man had chosen to drift into the world of the ~~iff~~ drifters and the rootless, restless wanderers. The way he lived was the price he paid for being so very different from those he left at home when he departed the scene. At least this is what he told himself.

Why had he gone? What caused him to be among these strangers? He kept assuring himself that his family and friends were all a bunch of squares. He simply could not tolerate their hypocrisy, their self righteous attitudes toward him, and their desire to mold him into their mold. He was filled with hatred and animosity toward them and in spite of his talk of peace and serenity he displayed little of peace and love in his own life. His very name Cain meant "bearer" and it sort of conveyed something of his very nature.

At times he tried to remember that he had once used a weapon on his brother Abel, but he tried to push these thoughts into the far reaches of his mind. All of that was in the past and forgotten. Or was it?

Abel had been a nuisance and a real clod. He was a part of the straight world, of regular haircuts and conventional clothing. Of listening to the advice of elders and doing what was expected of him. All of this gave Cain a pain as he thought of it. All Abel ever thought of was his sheep and God. He spent all of his time with those stupid sheep. He remembered how Abel began to smell like a sheep after being around them so much. He also remembered how he had to look after his brother all the time. Now Adam always said, "Now Cain, you look after little Abel. After all he is not as old as you." Good grief, how he hated that, playing nursemaid to his brother. He thought back to the times when he had shown his brother up as a stupid shepherd boy. Now he had been the one who was sharp and direct in his dealings. Like a spear. Yeah, just like a spear like his name. Boy, those were the days. He had made it big

just like he told everyone he would do. He had the biggest sheep around. It was really something to see and to be proud of. He didn't have to work. He left that to the common laborers. He rode out to the fields and checked with his foremen to see that the work was being done. He used his brains and with his good farms producing fabulously he used them as collateral and bought up more land. He hired more men. Now it was Cain Farms. Next it would be Cain Enterprises. He had talked to Abel about selling some of the land he used for pasture for his sheep. But that dumb brother only could think in terms of sheep.

He remembered now how he had to be shown up by his brother Abel during the big religious festival. Abel had brought a prize ewe to give as an offering to the Lord. Why, that didn't amount to half of what Cain had brought. Any one could see that the surplus he had given from his farms was a much better offering than Abels. Anyone could bring a ewe to the Lord. But dumb Abel even had to go and make it the best one. He would have given the weakest one and no one would have been any wiser. But to top it off the Lord recognized Abels gift as being the best. How could this be? And so he went to have a talk with the Lord. But then the Lord said, "If you do well, will you not be accepted?" To him then this meant that Abels gift was better and all of his efforts to make good counted for nothing. No one knew how he had to wheel and deal to get where he was. And so to Cain it was obvious that the Lord preferred Abel to him. He did not realize that he too could have had God's favor simply by becoming more like his brother. And so as he brooded over this he looked upon his brother as the one who stood in his way to being accepted. What he did not remember was the further words of God when he said, "If you do not well, sin is crouching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." He was so furious with Abel and he remembered all of the problems that Abel had caused him. And so Abel had to go and that was all there was to it. He had, had it with him and his self righteous bit.

So he plotted, and in his mind he formulated a plan whereby he could get rid of his brother and no one would know the difference. He asked Abel to meet him out in one of the fields on a pretext of talking business.



then they were alone in the field, (Cain had taken great pains to be sure of this), he stabbed Abel and then buried him in a shallow grave. At last he was free and rid of this blot in his life.

But what really irked him as he thought back, was that God had known Abel was missing and came to him asking about Abel. He remembered how God had asked, "Where is Abel?" He had said, "I don't know" and then he had added he thought very smartly, "Am I my brother's keeper?" But then he also remembered very embarrassedly how God had roared at him, "What have you done?" The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground." It was only then he recalled that he really took this too bit seriously. Well, he was hurt because after all he had done, God still cared more about stupid Abel, and then God told him he would be a wanderer all his life. This really scared him because he began to think that maybe someone would murder him. But the strangest thing of all was that God told him that he would not be hurt because God would kill Cain. Which went to show that even though he was in God's bad graces, God still cared enough about him to show him his love and concern. And so God placed a mark upon Cain and he went and dwelt in the land of Nod, which in Hebrew means wandering. And so the world's first hipster began his ceaseless wanderings on the earth, cast out of the presence of God.

~~This story~~ We as ~~existences~~ wanderers in our own right, bear both the mark of Cain and the marks of Christ. Although we share in the same guilt and sin as Cain we are marked by the nail prints of Christ. We may sink into the ground unknown, but we are never forgotten. God loves us and cares for us. Even at our worst God loves us and will forgive. We have much more going for us than Cain did. He only had a little history as background of his life. We have the advantage of hundreds of years of sin in the world and man's envy, jealousy and greed to show us how not to live. But we as Cain before us, follow stupidly along, committing the same offenses, doing the same things wrong day after day and generation after generation. This is why God sacrificed His Son Jesus for us. Because He saw the utter futility of trying to redeem people from their sins by having them seek Him. The strangest thing about it



all is the fact that in our sin and in our following of evil ways and evil companions, we resemble so many sheep. We resemble sheep, because they follow along whoever leads them at the moment. In fact we have a prayer of confession that states, "All we like sheep have gone astray." And yet in this story of Cain and Abel, the sheep were objects of good and Abel was rewarded for bringing a prize sheep to the Lord.

The message is still the same as John tells us, "As you heard it from the beginning: that we are to love one another; not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and put his brothers to death; but his brothers were kept safe for this reason, that his own life was evil and his brother lived a good life." Let us reach out to our brothers in love instead of hatred. Let us search our own hearts and see that perhaps we are envious of our neighbors and that perhaps we feel they are blessed and we are not. That perhaps someone else has gotten the reward which we feel we have worked for. There is a little of Abel in each of us that shines through from time to time when we let it. But unfortunately there is a lot of Cain in each of us that prevents the Abel part from coming out of us. We must therefore be aware that we are about 99% Cain and 1% Abel and strive to reduce the percentage from Cain to Abel.

One of our old, old sayings tells us about, "Raising Cain" doesn't it? Well, let's strive to change it to raising Abel in each of our lives. God will look after us as he did with Abel and as he cared about him so that he knew that he had disappeared. And he cared about each of us. But he wants us to strive to live for him and to follow in the footsteps of his Son. The thing that rings true and clear in this Bible story, is that whether we are murdered or murderer, God cares about us and seeks us out. He remembers each of us and comes looking for us. Will we be as Abel, giving the best of what we have to him in respect to our lives and our gifts? Or will we be as Cain, conniving, striving to get by as much as we can get away with? Living by our wits and trying to get ahead in whatever way we can? Here again we are faced with a choice and the choice is ours. Speaking of choices, what are we? Let us pray.

Call to worship: Blessed be the name of God, ever  
and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

Call to confession: Now may let us venture together  
toward the Lord; though your sins be like scarlet, they  
shall be as white as snow; though they are red like  
crimson, they shall become like wool, let us confess  
together.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of pardon: If we confess our sins, he is  
merciful and just and will forgive our sins and will  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

OCT 3RD TO 11TH TRINITY CHURCH  
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MISSION IN BILOXI MISS. BACK BAY  
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MINIST CHANGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Buncannon 9:00 AM.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 AM.

TEL ORDER OF CONFIRMATION September 5, 1971

The Order of the  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 44  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 "that whose tender mercies are over all  
 the earth, humbly and sorrowfully we pray for  
 thy forgiveness. For every weakness and con-  
 fusion, when it to which our minds have given  
 harbor. For every word spoken hastily or in  
 dark passion, for every failure in self-con-  
 trol, for every stumbling-block which by deed  
 or tongue we have set in another's way, for  
 every lost opportunity to do good, for loiter-  
 ing feet and procrastinating will, forgive us  
 Lord and grant that as the days go by, thy  
 Spirit may more and more rule in our hearts,  
 giving us victory over these and all other  
 sinful ways. Amen.

\*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---II Thessalonians 3:1-16  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation  
 The Communion---"The Gospels Anyhow?"  
 The Communion Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 355  
 \*The Benediction

\*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churches in Buncannon will collect light-  
 weight clothing and used blankets for dis-  
 tribution overseas through the Church World  
 Service clothing appeal on Sept. 14, 1971.  
 The drive is sponsored by Buncannon Council  
 of Churches. Church World Service sends the  
 clothing to disaster victims and war refugees  
 in more than thirty countries; the majority  
 of these countries are located in tropical  
 areas. Additional information may be secured  
 by telephoning Betty Smith 834-7432 or Habel  
 Selbeck 834-3317.

Wine-and-Church will meet Sept. 10th at 7:30 P.M.  
 in the home of Mary Kephart.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome today a new member Mrs. Pearl  
 Hubbard. We pray God's blessing upon her.

to Jared Hughes?

LABOR DAY  
II THESS

II Thessalonians 3: 10, "We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work." (Jerusalem Bible)

The Apostle Paul was perhaps the greatest writer of the New Testament. However, some of the things he wrote were rather harsh and cruel. One of them is found in the Scripture we read this morning. For Paul to state that anyone who does not work should be denied food is rather un-Christian in content and in action. But if we look at the verse more closely we can see that what he is saying is right.

To begin with he is confronted by a group of people who have taken his words quite literally and therefore are merely waiting for them to come to pass. Paul has been telling them about this second coming of Christ and they are merely awaiting his arrival. So to better prepare themselves for this they are merely concentrating and meditating and have put the things of the world away from them and this includes the task of everyday work. But as in all societies must be added a certain group of individuals who are parasites. A group of men and women who act as parasites and feed, or derive their existence from what others have labored and sweat over. So Paul is merely pointing out to them, whichever they be their category, that if they cannot work then they cannot eat. So the ultimate test, his is, to work or starve. To work or live, and not starve.

But we do not need to look at the law in which Paul lived and see this because we are all aware of the age in which we live. We all know that our society is riddled with unemployed and a steady portion of these are people who will not work. We also know that this problem will not improve appreciably, but will worsen in the years to come. I believe a certain portion of the problem is being caused by the large amounts of leisure time we have at our disposal. Our society is not content with working a five day week anymore, it must be four days and there is talk of a three day week. All of this leads to more idle time and there is a good possibility that it is also leading to the thinking that if we can get by with less working time,



Why not be working less at all? With the result that we are breeding a society of slothos. Now I am not against more leisure time or less work if the free time will be used constructively. But merely giving people more free time to sit around is going to add to our problems of boredom, mental and nervous breakdowns and so on.

I think all of us can see the point if we look for it. We all look forward to our vacations every year. But at the end of them don't we seriously rather long or look forward to resuming in our normal tasks? I think if we are honest we will admit to this. The children, although they may argue this point and claim the contrary is true, secretly look forward to returning to school. And so the secret to solving the problems of our society is not to increase the leisure time, but to find constructive work for it. And the education of our youth then, is not just to the people of Massachusetts, but to the Americans of our country as well. Work, as you have said.

I think this point has to do with the moral growth and with the higher moral code is favor of the man whose dignity has been removed from the possession of his life. He was attending college in New York and had chosen to live as she chose, to dress as she felt she should and what her father had no strings attached to her. He cut off all contact until such time as she began to act as he felt she should. He also told him to court and love. I think this tells us something of our nation and society. It should be a starting point toward social action and being more responsible in their actions and lives. This is the attitude that should be taken to those who would flaunt our laws, our morals and our society in general, simply because they feel someone would do something. To me even these people anything, and until such time as they can act responsibly they should not be allowed to, nor treated as though they are privileged characters. I think it is time we took off the gloves and started holding everyone that wants to act like a lawless man.

But the one point that is often overlooked in this is the fact that a certain segment of this group we are talking of is this way because of

the distinct feelings and attitudes shown toward them. I can only show this by using several illustrations.

The September agenda for our seminary class this year is a seminar on human relations and violence. This is surely a suitable topic for sensitivity training. Now if you know anything about sensitivity training at all you are aware of the bad experiences that have happened at these sessions throughout the country. In fact just this past week someone released to Congress a report on seminars that were supposed to be held with a purpose of removing anti-semitism and how they had turned into other than that they should have been. And these seminars as we understand them and expected in are to make each of us more sensitive or aware of others around us and their needs. The thing that has been brought out by our institute presentation this week in individual groups has been that although you may be around someone for a year you may never know what his problems or troubles are. That he may be feeling a very real and sincere hurt and everyone else may be unaware of it. This is the benefit of this group training if it is done properly. If it isn't done properly it can cause more problems than it solves.

In the book "My Shadow Son Peter" by William Sandoz, he gives a very vivid illustration that was brought home to him. William Sandoz is the new name that Willie never recall had assumed. It is an ex-convict from San Quentin Prison. I recommend this book to you if you have not read it. I was able to read it during an enforced stay in San City Jail. In the book he tells of his anger and resentment of the people because of the way he was treated by his parents. He was severely punished in San Quentin for his misbehavior, but it was not the conventional punishment we always think of as being connected with prisons. The warden William Coffey did not permit brutality of any kind there. So the most severe punishment was to lock a prisoner in a padded cell where there was absolute silence and quiet. He was fed at normal times and had a bed and a toilet but no windows and only the entrance door. So Willie Sandoz was placed in this room for three days. At the end of this time the warden entered the room. He was anxious for the sound of a human voice.

but at the sight of the warden and his perpetual authority, he let out his  
 snarl and his hostility. The warden very wisely listened to him and then  
 asked him if he had learned his lesson. Willie spoke told him that the warden  
 had done no good and he was still the same. Then he was asked why he acted this  
 way when he had an IQ of 150 and was capable of being something worthwhile.  
 He replied that no one cared. He said that no one gives a damn about me and why  
 should I act differently? Mr. Duffy looked at him for a moment and then he  
 said words that changed the life of this man. He said, "I care Will." And when  
 he was released from this place and went back to his own cell, he was still the  
 same and he had been. But he reflected on what the warden had said, and soon  
 he began to see that the warden cared not only about him but all of the men.  
 He said it was something to be in the warden's cell and suddenly everyone arose from  
 their seats and began to play. Then it seemed further what they were playing  
 it was that warden Duffy had observed and he was always greeted this way. He  
 was able to worry in those few days he lived. He with these two illustrations  
 I am trying to say that the fellows in our country class have been reaching out  
 and warning someone to care, just as Will Willie was reaching out to whoever  
 would listen. And this is the way it is with our lives and especially our  
 vocations or what we do for a living. We want someone to care to give a damn  
 about us. Perhaps we may feel that there is no reward in work or what we are  
 doing. Perhaps we feel that our employers do not appreciate us or could care  
 less. But whenever our feelings we must continue to work not only we need our  
 families but because it is necessary for our mental well being.

But if we begin to feel the emptiness and the uncaring feeling  
 we need but remember that we care. To care would be toward himself is  
 the power of Jesus Christ. He although we may feel all alone He never was.

In the church we have a man he is called to be and to try to  
 be the representative of Christ. The one thing we all expect of him is that  
 he cares. That he feels for us and strives to reach us. This is what you hired  
 me for, and this is the what you expect of me. And if I have never learned  
 anything else it is that this is the one thing I want to do. To care for each

one of you. To help you in whatever way I can. This is my work. This is  
what I feel I must do. To let me share with you. Let me take your cares and  
griefs and let them be cared and soiled. Let me share myself with you.  
(From "If Ye Knew", from "Treasured Volume" page 90.)

Who cares? God cares and He cares enough to send His Son into  
the world.



Please, HELP! I'm so sick of my ugly life and I'm so SCARED! - HELP, please? I found one of your Free Papers on the street when I was in the city, and I want so badly to turn on to Jesus, but I don't know how - and I'm home now and in my town, everybody is so stuffy - they don't understand - don't care 'bout no one but themselves - never even heard of the Jesus Movement and Jesus People - don't care about me and just think I'm some sort of a weird nonconformist or something - 'cause I don't want to be a stuffy straight like them. NEVER!

I feel so alone and even if this Jesus could help me - even if I could turn on to Him - nobody still wouldn't understand my way - 'cause they know my ugly life - and I'd still be alone. I'm so scared - I don't know what yo do or where to go. Please help me!!

I know you can't help, but if there is anything - Here's my address:

HOLLYWOOD FREE BEVERLY HILLS BY JOHN PETER

## MY ANSWER

by Billy Graham



Question—Can you please tell me how to get more out of life? I am a young man and would appreciate any advice you can give me. P.N.

Answer — I'll pass on to you the advice that was given to me many years ago. It is from an old Book called the Bible. "Choose life . . . that thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice . . . for he is thy life, and the length of thy days." Deut. 30:19-20.

There is a life-giving force in the world. If you allow habits and attitudes to come into your lives to cut us off from God, the Life-force, life goes sour. That is the reason people are bored, filled with anxiety, and miserable. They are not in tune with God.

Even physicians are advising people to go to church, for they are aware that people need more than pills to find this life-giving force. Carl Jung, the psychiatrist, pioneered in the idea that Faith is essential to mental and physical healing.

Choose life. Make up your mind to live for and with God. Christ said: "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly."

St. John's Antient 14:00 9/3/62

\*Processional Hymn  
\*Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Baptismal Service Gal. 5:22-23

Hymn 36  
Scripture I John 3:7-11  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Gospel Hymn  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
\*Prayer  
\*Benediction

Offertory Hymn  
\*Hymn 341  
Prayer  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 341  
\*Prayer  
\*Benediction

Allen Legantine 9:40 9/3/62

Processional Hymn 2/  
Call to Worship Lk. 21  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture I John 3:  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Angels' Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
\*Prayer 194  
\*Benediction

Offertory, Response, Prayer

Hymn 267  
Prayer  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 407  
\*Benediction  
\*Shaneefol Amen

Call to worship: Please let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the Lord of our sal-  
vation.

Call to Confession: I taste and see that the Lord  
is good. Jesus is the man who takes refuge in him.  
Let us come now before him and confess our sins.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The Lord forgives the sins of his  
servants; and of those who take refuge in him will  
be forgiven. Amen.

JEFF SMITH HUTNER DIED

ORATION IN HARRISBURG.

BROTHER HOO TUES 7:30

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph Link	Guest Speaker
Mary Esler	Organist
Paul Brinker	Choir Director

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
January 25, 1970 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

PRELUDE  
\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 18  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP No. 482  
\*CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Father God, we acknowledge and confess our many sins which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against you and our neighbors. Have mercy on us for the sake of your Son our Savior. Forgive us all our sins and offenses, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit; that we may hereafter love and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON  
\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
\*THE PRAISE

Pastor: Praise you the Lord.  
People: The Lord's Name be praised.

\*GLORIA PATRI  
ANTHEM "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Roger Wilson

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

COLLECT  
SCRIPTURE I John 2: 7 - 17  
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE No. 202  
1st & 4th Verse with Amen

SERMON "We Aim To Live"  
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Statement of Faith  
\*HYMN No. 286

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION  
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with your spirit.  
Pastor: Let us pray.

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PRAYER RESPONSE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
OFFERTORY  
\*The Presentation - The Doxology  
\*The Lord's Prayer

\*HYMN No. 292

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED - OUR SERVICE BEGINS

\*denotes standing

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Grace Hague Church School Class.

Rev. Earle R. Potts will begin his pastorate at Denmark Manor next Sunday morning.

Greeters	Clara Hostetler
	Florence Good
Acolyte	Anita Galko
Nursery	Dolores Brinker
	Brenda Hague

SUNDAY, January 18, 1970

Regular Offering	\$305.10
Attendance	138
Building Fund	\$105.65



TODAY, 2:30 P.M. A discussion on Adult Education will be held in the Delmont Church. Any interested persons are welcome to attend.

MONDAY, Jan. 26, 6:30 Women's Slimnastics

TUESDAY, Jan. 27, 6:30 Boy's Recreation.  
7:30 Senior Citizens at Zion Lutheran Church, Harrison City. George Kistler will present a travelog on Western Europe.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28, 6:30 Girl's Recreation

THURSDAY, Jan. 29, 6:30 Young Men's Rec.

NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 1, Short Congregational Meeting to vote on Constitution Revisions.  
2:30 - 4:30 P.M., A workshop for Church School teachers from Kindergarten through Senior Hi will be held at First Church, Greensburg. Teachers are urged to attend.

FEBRUARY 2, 7:30 P.M. Stanley Party in Fellowship Hall. Come and bring a friend.

Items for Newsletter due next Sunday.

1969 Yearbooks can be found on the table in the Narthex for anyone not receiving theirs. Please check off your name on the sheet provided.

## Denmark Manor United Church of Christ



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TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Christ Church, Duncannon 9:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP September 12, 1971

The Order of Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 18  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 "Almighty God, thou knowest that we have  
 not lived the life of which we are capable.  
 Thou knowest that we have gifts which we have  
 not used or that we have misused. Thou  
 knowest that we have not loved thee above  
 all lesser concerns, and that we have utterly  
 failed to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
 Thou knowest, O Lord, that we are not even  
 able to love ourselves. Have mercy and for-  
 give us, Lord, for Christ's sake. Amen."  
 \*The Gloria  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scriptures--I John 2:7-17  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Recitation of Pithas and Offerings  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Offering: Royal and Lord's Prayer  
 \*The Communion of Meditation 295  
 The Communion--"We Give Thee Life"  
 The Communion Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 292  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threnos  
 \*The Postlude

\*Communion Stands

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A city-wide drive for the Church World Service clothing appeal is currently in progress in Duncannon. The clothing drive will end on Sept. 14, 1971. Clothing should be delivered to your church. Good, clean used blankets and clothing which can be worn for at least six months more is requested. Light summer clothing is especially needed. Church World Service--the cooperative relief agency of 28 denominations--procures and ships the clothing and blankets for distribution in some thirty overseas areas of acute need. Last year, more than five million pounds was shipped. Donations of cash are also needed. It costs ten cents to process the clothing, covers it for shipping, and to pay for insurance and port charges. For information, telephone Betty Smith 834-3432 or Mabel Culbreth 834-3317.

The Missionary Circle will meet Tues. Sept. 14th in the home of Florence Hays at 7:30 P.M.

## We Aim to Live

Text: I John 2:17

Anyone who does the will of God remains forever.

For lack of a better title I have entitled this sermon, "We aim to live." ~~Most of us have heard the phrase, "Living the good life," at one time or another. It has been said of many things. Our advertising industry has gotten some pretty good mileage out of this phrase in the last few years. We have heard that if we drink a certain beer then we are living the good life. The good life has been connected with certain brands of cigarettes, and this phrase has been used with many other things as well. But just what is the good life? To some people it may very well be a certain brand of cigarette or a certain brand of beer. But to the person who is a Christian, it is naturally the Christian life. But there is a world of difference between being a Christian and living the Christian life. And this is what we will be concerned with this morning.~~

John tells us ~~that~~, "Anyone who does the will of God remains forever." Looking up the background on John, I found that it is thought by most Biblical scholars that the letters bearing his name are so like the Gospel of John that he did indeed write them also. There has been much discussion over this and for a long time it was doubted that the Gospel of John and the letters of John were written by the same man. In the Jerusalem Bible there is a brief synopsis to the Gospel and the letters and it states, "In this letter, (the first), John summarizes the entire content of his religious experience. He goes on to show how as children of God must necessarily live the life of integrity which, for John is the only thing which fulfills the twin commandments: faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God, and love of the brethren." So you see this is the explanation of John's purpose for writing. But what of our purpose for living? To aim to live the Christian life requires that we know how to live, it asks the question where are we going, and it requires that we must live.

Knowing how to live is the most difficult part of life. It is like almost anything else, in the respect that once we have mastered the fundamentals of it, it is rather simple to do. But here many people may question the fact that

perhaps this does not concern us. After all we are all ~~almost~~ adults here today and we have lived a few years, and besides we are professing Christians or we wouldn't be here. This is all true. But let me ask a question. Are our lives completely happy? Do we feel that we honestly know how to live? Many of us can probably answer yes. And yet I think perhaps many of us are filled with doubts. I know that from time to time I am. There are many people who go through their entire life and never find the answers they are seeking simply because they do not know how to go about it. And again the question may arise well just how do we go about it. There is no hard and fast rule. There is no set answer or phrase that we can go by. We must first realize that we come from God and someday we will return to Him. But what we do in the interim is very important.

To know how to live, we must first come to God. <sup>THRU CHRIST</sup> Again we are talking about faith. We must give our lives into His care and keeping. To do so requires that we completely surrender ourselves to Him. In humility and complete trust we must cast ourselves upon Him. To do this requires only a simple prayer, such as, "Here I am God, take me and use me as you want. I am yours and I cannot live this life without your help and guidance." If we can cast ourselves upon Him in this way then we have attained the first important step. After this we must leave our lives in His keeping. We must continue to put all our faith and trust in Him. In the words of the Psalmist we must, "Wait on the Lord." By the use of daily prayer and devotions we can come to the point where we will find that God does indeed speak to us in our lives. But there is a caution here just as we have <sup>CAUTION IN EVERYDAY LIFE</sup> ~~a caution when we are taking medicine~~. <sup>MEDICINE</sup> On the bottle it usually says, "Caution use only as directed." Well, in the living of the good life the caution is that we do not take matters into our own hands. We must wait upon the Lord. He will show us and lead us if we let Him. At this point we have stepped across the threshold and we are looking at life as though a whole new vista has opened before us. We are aiming to live, and living the good life is just ahead. God is ready to lead us, and we have placed our lives in His hands.

But where are we going? If I were to ask each one of you individually, I would probably get varied answers. For the most part the answer would



that we are trying to go to heaven. Maybe some of you have heard this before. It concerns a man who slept in Church Sunday after Sunday. This provoked the minister until finally he decided to put a stop to it. So the next Sunday he waited until the man had dropped off into a deep sleep and then he asked, "All those who would like to go to heaven stand up." Naturally everyone stood except the sleeping man. After they were seated he asked, "All those who would like to go to hell, stand up." At the words stand up he raised his voice to a shout and it woke the man up. All he heard was stand up and so he stood. He looked around rather embarrassedly and felt he had to say something so he said, "I don't know what it is we are voting on Rev. but it looks like you and I are the only ones in favor of it." Well, we are all going to go to heaven. At least that is where we all want to go. But to find out more about this we must search the Scriptures to see what is said there. In John we read, "Father the hour is come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you: and, through the power over all mankind that you have given Him, let Him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to Him. And eternal life is this: to know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." And again in John Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life, if anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." And in Matthew Jesus says, "Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children, or land for the sake of my name will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life." Now these words are proof of the ministry of Jesus. But they also tell us the end result of living the good life. The main point of the Christian religion is the fact that Jesus arose from the dead. By this He proved that there is life after death and His words were true. So if we accept Christianity, and we must, And if we believe that Jesus arose from the dead, and we must, And if we believe that we too can inherit eternal life, and we must, Then we should be living this life to the very best that we can, so that the promise of Jesus can be ours. By this I mean that Jesus also promised a different reward to those who do not live the good life. So to be on the side of the Lord, we must try to live as good a life as we can.

Then we must live. This may sound ridiculous to some because  
we are living aren't we? But there is <sup>A DIFFERENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIVING AS A XIAN</sup> living and ~~there is~~ <sup>JUST</sup> living. To the scoffers,  
the athiest, the earnest and the cynical unbeliever, they would all say that  
there is nothing to living. We arise in the morning, eat our breakfast, go to work  
or school, eat lunch, work until quitting time, come home, eat supper, relax and  
go to bed. The next day is the same and so on. But is this all there is to life?  
<sup>LIKE THE POPULAR SONG ASKS: IS THAT ALL THERE IS?</sup>  
If it is it sounds pretty dull and boring to me. Living in this sense does not  
require much. The actual mechanics of living are almost automatic.. We get hun-  
gry we eat.. We get tired we sleep. Our body for the most part functions on its  
own with no help from us. So you see we can live very easily and on this point  
we must agree with the scoffers, the athiests, the sneerers and the cynics. But  
this is not living, it is only an existence and a very poor one at that. I be-  
lieve that if God meant for us to only exist and do nothing more, then he would  
have made us animals instead of humans. But God has other plans for us and this  
is where living is. How do we know what the will of God is? He  
tells us. But if we are in close communion with God we are wanting to do His will,  
~~and~~ He will speak to us as we go through life. To many people the living of the  
good life is a boring and rather dull thing. This impression has been created  
by some of the generations gone by. Thank goodness those generations are past.  
Christianity is ~~at~~ <sup>it</sup> time to smile about. It should be a joy to be about this life.  
It doesn't help make us any more pious to wear long faces and act religious. In  
fact I feel it deters the cause of Christianity. Who wants to belong to something,  
where your face has to be screwed up like a prune? It isn't very inviting is it?  
One of the most sincere compliments I ever received was given to me ~~a week or~~ <sup>BY</sup>  
~~several~~ <sup>WHEN SHE</sup> woman who <sup>A</sup> was introduced to me remarked, "He don't look like a preacher!"  
Too long we have had the old stereotyped mental picture of a very serious looking  
man with a very stern countenance reciting Scripture as though he wrote it. The  
day is here where we can accept a minister or preacher as being a human being,  
As being no different than any other person. This is true Christianity. To make it  
attractive, to make it enjoyable, to make it livable. <sup>AND THIS IS WHAT IT IS</sup>  
<sup>B-T</sup> Christianity is not nor will it ever be or mean a trouble free life.

we still will have problems, and I <sup>3/4/66</sup> will have the same of life when we  
will all of us. But if we have the Lord, we can overcome all of the problems  
that come our way.

I have always thought that many times the Lord speaks to us when we  
least expect it. I am more convinced of this than ever right now. This past week  
on Monday I believe it was, I picked out the hymns for today, and read in the  
old hymn book and came up with the hymn we have used this morning. Then I left  
for Lancaster on Tuesday and was there until Friday afternoon. But while I was  
there I met an old friend. Not a man I have met personally, but a man I have  
seen many times on television and a man I saw in person in Pittsburgh. His name  
was Billy Graham. The ironic thing is that this old friend was a minister several  
years ago with a reference to his church in Pittsburgh. He was of God I think  
as, because while I watched Billy Graham on television, it was the Pittsburgh  
experience came alive again. I thrilled to the testimony of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
my father and Dale Evans, as they told how they had become Christians. Especially  
as it is thrilling to see ~~xxxx~~ eldest son Tom be presented as the man who had  
brought her to the Lord. Then to hear the thrilling sermon by Mr. Graham as he  
spoke of loneliness and how he also told that life will not be without problems  
and sorrows and cares just because Christ has been accepted.

But to see the people streaming out of the stands, made me recall  
how we had seen this same scene in Pittsburgh in the Fall of 1959. I just cannot  
forget as I watched all of these people come forward, young men and women, young  
boys and girls, men and women from all walks of life and all ages. What a wonder-  
ful thing as well, this individual acceptance of Jesus by a thousand or more  
people. I want each one to find and place ourselves at his altar. Only then  
can we have peace and joy in our lives. Only when we have really accepted Jesus  
Christ in our hearts and lives can we be free and live the good life. It doesn't  
come out of a tube, or a bottle, or a package or a drug store, it comes to us  
through the mercy and love of God. If we have never come to Christ before, then  
today is the day and now is the hour. "Anyone who does the will of God remains  
forever." This is just as true today as it was way back when. Let us accept  
Christ and live forever, the good life.



Salem Lamartine 9:30 4/27/69

\*Processional Hymn 277  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture Genesis 1  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

Communion May 25  
Community Mem. Ser. May 25 7:30

Offering, Response, Prayer  
Hymn 277  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 280  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen

St. John Emmenton 11:00 4/27/69

\*Processional Hymn 23  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Sel. 48 ps. 596  
Hymn 65  
Scripture Genesis 1  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer & Response  
Anthem  
Announcements  
Comm. May 25.  
Community Memorial ser. May 25 7:30

Offering, Prayer  
\*Hymn 191  
Sermon  
Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
\*Hymn 273  
\*Benediction  
\*Threefold Amen



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Call for a free trial

"Next Sunday Oct. 3rd we will observe World  
Wide Communion in both churches. I will  
also collect at the special offering for the Bazaar  
in March. You may wish to give a portion of  
your offering to the Pakistan Relief Fund.  
If so, please so mark the envelope.

The flowers on the church are placed in  
memory of John Schenbeck by Linda Schenbeck  
and family.

Get. 3-17 any kind of clean clothing is being collected by the Ladies of the Church for the Brockley Mission, Baloxi, Miss. On Get. 3, 19, 17 a reference plate will be placed in the back of the church for offerings to be used for the betterment and beautification of the city.

March Women's Union will meet Monday Oct.  
4th at the Lutheran Parish House at 7:30 AM.  
All women are invited.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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10:30 AM

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

The regular monthly consistory meeting will  
 be held Sunday Oct. 4th at 7:30 AM.

The Church Office will meet Fri. Oct. 15th at  
 7:30 AM in the room of David Leeper.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

The flowers on the altar will be placed in  
 memory of Mr. & Mrs. John L. Smith and Mr. &  
 Mrs. William L. Smith, both lovingly given by  
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Smith.

Church Office will meet Monday Oct.  
 4th at the Lutheran Church at 7:30  
 AM. All welcome and invited.

The members of the Church will meet Thurs.  
 Oct. 4th at 7:00 AM at the church. The  
 will be directed to the Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs. Marie Smith is in room 476 at Hershey  
 Medical Center.

The Florida Bell Telephone Company will  
 be held on Thurs. Oct. 14th. Cost of the tour,  
 which will include a turkey dinner at Home  
 Service, will be \$1.00. Please your  
 reservation by Oct. 14th with Mrs. Leeper  
 at 562-3526. Please your reservation  
 to the church at 8:30 AM.  
 See bulletin board for details.

Church School of 1971-72  
 Art. Frank Fry, Sec. Joe Grief  
 and Ray Meyer, Sec. Ed. Grief

The Rev. R. L. Butler, Minister, Carolyn Grief,  
 Sec. of Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Grief,  
 Sec. of Church, Mrs. Grief,  
 Sec. of Church, Mrs. Grief.

71. The time in minutes to check out at a store is 71.

Text line 14: 37,24: "As to the poor people in the country, I hope some of them will be able to come in to see what the house is like; because, I tell you, not one of those who were invited shall have a taste of my banquet."

Available by Jenson; can call him at first.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered.

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negative results will be. Also, it will be noted that the two different types of treatment of postural myoclonus, are indicated according to the degree of the condition and the type of the myoclonus.

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There still exists, in the minds of the people, the idea that the

the other three, "Now it is all over the first and the last. Now I will give you more."

...and I want to be very clear the information on page number 5 be a participant in his lawsuit. Now.

Text: Luke 14: 23 & 24; "Go to the open roads and the bad roads and invite poor people to come in to dine since the house is full; because I tell you, not one of those who were invited will have a dinner of my banquet."

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Now as it is called the open table筵席 it is supposed to have many members. Actually, a筵席 is supposed to only have one member and all of the principles of the church are not to be included here. But I think we can realize too in this story that Jesus is talking about the "sinners of Jeru. And is the one giving the banquet and these invited are the followers of Jesus. These followers refuse to accept the invitation because they are too concerned with the material things of life. Those who come in to the banquet are the ones considered outside the fold by the Christians.

The man giving the banquet in this story is bad. He has sent out invitations to those who are the 1 vital suspects for this Feast. They are the VIP's of his kingdom. These you have accepted Christ and are his followers. Now the common thing is that after they have received the engraved invitations, you know, the ones that say so. You requests the money of your friends at a banquet and feast being held on such and such a date, the recipients reply with their very generous letter that states, so. And then when he comes they will be unable to attend because they have no such and such a date. The guests are common. Previous arrangements, now suddenly you are a



very close quarters. And we had dinner upon and within my doorway, which is  
going to show you how we are situated. The intention of having, and to  
make his bed in the same room and the bedroom to fill the house.

I think we can readily see that a joyful portion of this has  
come to pass. For he called invited to those who are supposedly the followers  
of Jesus have turned and are turning their backs upon him and his church.  
Indeed right now is in the most desperate times as it has ever been in as far  
as the church goes, and this is all Jesus' time. Unhoused with a seating  
capacity of 700 or more are looking for people to come up for nothing at all.  
In my last meeting the church was having a difficult time coming with  
all of the other things offered on Sunday evenings. The silver came from tele-  
vision to make people. By all means we have things to do and they have to  
come to really having almost nothing at all.

There are last around us and we see groups of young people as well  
as men, older folk, and it is in a movement as well the Jesus people and we  
can't understand why this movement is outside of the church. We cannot con-  
ceive that anything like this can take place outside of our nice staid, blessed  
buildings. What we really do not see though is that our churches have become  
comfortable and half righteous and those who are truly seeking Jesus cannot  
see him or find him in the church structure. Thus the new movement outside  
of its walls.

But Jesus is still extending the invitation of God. He has extend-  
ed it to the entire world. This is what Jesus said. The Christian Sunday have  
a real meeting and purpose. It is not merely for the opportunity we have  
another Christian service. But it is to join together as fellow believers in  
Christ and to celebrate his Last Supper once again in unity. The day known  
as it has each year as the First Sunday in October with a Christian service in  
the churches on the Fiji Islands. From there it spread all the way around the  
globe. Many thousands of people have already had communion by sea, and many  
thousands more will have it later today. But all of us will have one thing in  
common and that is, we will partake of the Lord's body and blood in remembrance  
of what he did for us. When he extends to us the universal invitation to come  
and feast, it is answered with the will given in his blood and death. And  
he calls to us once again that familiar phrase, "Come to me all you who labor  
and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." May God grant that we will  
have the invitation and never refuse to be a ~~part~~ participant in his  
banquet. Amen.

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It was a relief to me to find at the time if the matter is to  
be decided upon about. That would literally tell me that the matter was  
not even a bit of a problem. The thing is, I'm not sure if I'm  
this, but to say it is all over. I was by the way of Johnson, a British  
journalist, wrote a book several years ago entitled, "There is No Hell,"  
in which many other things he says about people of thinking of hell in  
hell and in hell. He says that he didn't see it, he was, he  
was, and he is in hell.

I think regarding the creation story we must leave it as there is a different one than we have in the east. Today science has at its disposal many new means for detecting the age of different things. One of them is not understood all at once, nor do I intend to, but can test they now can determine fairly accurately the age of something. This is called the carbon test. It will tell for instance the approximate date at which a given manuscript has been written. It has been used to tell the difference between an authentic piece of art and a fake. I have read you have used to find it has been used on an old picture discovered in an old barn or house, and supposedly it was painted by a Dutchman or the like, well the test has proven either that it was a real work of art or a fake.

~~to be painted by one of the old masters, like Van Gough or Rembrandt. Now with this carbon test a sample of the paint can be examined and the age of the painting~~  
~~is become known, and this is proof of whether this is a true masterpiece or a~~  
~~fake.~~ This test has been used for instance on the dead sea scrolls and the scrolls have tested out to the year when they are thought to have been written. Now science has spent years and years in the study of different parts of the earth. From their studies they have concluded that the earth is <sup>B</sup>illions of years old. But if we consider the history of the world as we know it and check this figure against the one the scientists come up with we find there is a discrepancy. Now we wonder just what we should believe. Is the Bible wrong and the scientists right? Or is the reverse true? We can believe both of them and still believe in the creation. I do not go along with the theory that we must accept only what can be proven, since there are some things we must accept by faith alone. However if we look at the creation story we see that it took six days to create the universe and on the seventh day God rested from His work. We can accept this with no question. But the question that needs to be asked is how long is a day for God? Is it twenty four hours such as we have? I think that if we limit God's day to this small amount we limit God. We confine Him and put Him in terms of our finite thinking. We forget that God is infinite. That He cannot be thought of in human terms. He must be thought of in as vast an area as it is possible for us to think. <sup>IN 2 PETER WE READ</sup> ~~that, "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as~~  
~~one day."~~ this description may also be limiting God. Perhaps one day to Him is ten thousand years or even a million. But this is only speculation and guessing. We cannot prove how long it took for creation nor is it that important to do so. What is more important is how we look at God. Is He confined to the days and hours such as a mortal, or is He vast and limitless? Infinite in other words.

Mr. Robinson also points out that God is looked upon in many other ways. One of these is as a giver. Many people have the mental image of Him as a grandfatherly type doling out His favors to those who are good and withholding them from those who are naughty as we do with small children.

A young boy of about 10 had it all figured out, that if no one



saw him take what did not belong to him it was o.k. And if he played on forbidden ground and no one saw him that was alright too. Whippings and scoldings and

ishment of all kinds were to no avail. Each time he would say, "But no one saw me." One day his mother said to him, "God sees you. God sees everywhere you go and everything you do." This made the little boy very indignant. He said with scorn, "Is that all He's got to do, lay on His stomach all day and watch me?" Perhaps we do not quite think of God in this extreme. But perhaps our thinking is a bit colored and we tend to think of Him only in terms of being a cross between a kindly old grandfather and a penitentiary guard. If this is the case, we need to broaden our thinking to the point where we can think of Him as being much, much more than this. He is the giver of life and health. Of food and clothing. Of the air we breathe and the water we drink. Of wind and snow and rain. In other words He is everywhere and can be seen in everything. And if He is ~~this~~ all of this, then He cannot be confined to the petty little job of rewarding us for our good and evil deeds. Too often we try to have a mental picture of what He looks like. We are like the little girl who was very busy with a box of crayons in the juvenile section of a big bookstore. One of the clerks asked her what she was doing, and the girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God." But how do you know what God looks like asked the startled clerk. "That", said the little girl, is why I'm drawing Him. I want to find out." We shouldn't need a picture of Him to know what He is. Nor do we need a picture of Him to love Him. All we need is to try to understand that He is not confined just for our use. Many of our children use a table prayer that states, "God is great, God is Good." From this simple declaration it should become apparent to even small children that God is not small, nor restricted in any way. What is the saying we use in some of our church services? Something about God being in all and through all. This too should make us aware of how vast and large He is.

~~But with all of His vastness, and for all of His largeness, the line that remains constant is the fact that He can still be a personal God. Now this does not mean that I can take Him and confine Him for just my use. It does mean that He can care for you and you as well as me. He can care for everyone. The thing about our God that is unique and that sets Him apart~~



If we only think in terms of our position at the beginning of time or at the end then we are also limiting, and not taking the whole. We have time on reaching and asking not from that time until this, right at this very moment he is creating and renewing all of his creation throughout the universe.

A week ago in Allentown I saw creation in a form I have never seen before. It visited the Good Samaritan Hospital while there. This hospital was started by a Lutheran clergyman in the early 1900's. It specializes in trying to rehabilitate so called homeless cases. It takes crippled people of all ages and races and religions and they are worked with and help to fit for the world to help be an institution of this kind and so. But one case in particular struck me as an unusual limit and was the creation.

A 17 year old girl there was seated in a small chair with a small head around her head and a thin sister attached to the back. This made everything seem so peculiar was the fact that she had difficulty sitting up straight in her wheelchair. A young nurse sat beside her with a board upon which were what looked like letters and words. The nurse was sitting on either side of her and had reached the most remarkable word told me the story of what she did. She had the hands of a physician and she had several eyes. Her own had been mutilated as entirely homeless. Everyone who looked at her or tried to do something with her very firmly convinced that she was absolutely useless as a person and nothing could be done to help her. As she was sitting off and left to sit in her wheelchair. That is until a nurse who had something about her tried to check her. She worked out this board on her back with a sister, and then she made up this board with letters and numbers. Then she proceeded to try to teach her the alphabet. She succeeded in this, giving a letter and the girl pointing to it. Then she taught her in words. Then sentences, very simple but for this girl a miracle. It was not long after that this girl started talking freely to this nurse by pointing to letters on other children that it had been discovered that she was a deaf blind girl and it is a very remarkable thing. They have since taught her how to operate her own wheelchair and she has the complete control of the three wheels this wonderful woman. She has never gotten lost and never got confused and her freedom of the universe. All of this from someone who was off and useless.

And you see, this is also a story of our creation. A very strange one. All of it the creation and the way we have made it. These things are as basic as an experiment. It goes to show us what we are and what we are not. The purpose of the creation of the world and what it is for. And the things



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the Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of praise 134  
 \*The Call to worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 We bring unto thee, O God, in ourselves  
 the world of which we are a part. We con-  
 fess that in the world we have lost thy way.  
 Now we have come into thy house to find our  
 way back to the road. Lead us into the  
 paths of righteousness and into the ways of  
 truth, and may we come to know him who is  
 the way, the truth, and the life. Deliver  
 us, O Almighty God, when we draw nigh to  
 thee, from colorless heart and wanderings  
 of mind; that with steadfast thought and  
 kindled desire we may worship thee in spirit  
 and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.  
 \*The Lyric  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 \*The Benediction---I John 4:1-6  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastored Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Benediction  
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 \*The Hymn of Response 226  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threshold Song  
 \*The Postlude

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday will be observed next Sunday.  
 The youth will lead us in worship.

Nov. 7th worship service will change in both  
 churches. Trinity will be 9:00 A.M. and  
 Christ will be 10:30 A.M.

#### UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duncannon Council of Churches will sponsor  
 the UNCLIP Halloween Campaign. All children  
 from all churches will meet at the United  
 Church of Christ, Oct. 27th at 6:30 P.M.

Those in the hospital:  
 Mrs. F. Pass, Harrisburg Hosp. Room 1004  
 Mrs. L. Schenck, Polyclinic Hosp. Room 149

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick or Treat for Pakistan Relief in New  
 Bloomfield by the Junior Hi & Senior Hi youth  
 will meet at Trinity United Methodist Church  
 at 7:00 P.M. on Wed. Oct. 27th.

Mrs. Verna Jones is in Room 436 at Hershey  
 Medical Center.



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a series of "Thou shalt nots", is a false religion. The basis for this type of religion was the fact that when you became a Christian you became a changed per-

n. This is true but not in the respect and extremes that ~~have~~ come about in the name of Christianity. The thinking went along these lines: <sup>SINCE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN</sup> From now on you will no longer go to the movies; from now on you will not be permitted to go to dances or to dance; from now on you cannot smoke or wear make; <sup>or</sup> from now on you can no longer read novels or the Sunday newspaper and so on. But you see this isn't religion <sup>it</sup> makes a joke of religion. ~~I~~ I happen to know of children who were raised this way and they were more irreligious than those who were raised more permissively. I also know from talking to many other people that this was the case throughout the different parts of our state, and probably throughout the country and the world as well. If a man could become a Christian by simply abstaining from doing things, Christianity would be a much easier religion than what it is. But the entire essence of Christianity is that it does not consist in not doing things, but it consists in doing things. It means getting involved with her people and being a part of the world as well. <sup>CHRISTIANITY IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER RELIGION BECAUSE IT IS A RELIGION OF ACTION.</sup>

What we heard as our Scripture this morning points out the fact that there are many spirits in the world, but you cannot trust all of them. John goes on to say that there are false prophets. We have many false prophets today. We have prophets trying to lure our young people into escaping from life through either using some form of hallucination producing drugs or by turning from their parents and friends and rejecting society. I think we all know some of the drivel that is constantly being spouted by some self styled modern prophets. We need not go into detail about all the silly causes that have arisen in the past few years. ~~I thought that I had heard all of them but this past week on the David Susskind program a new one arose. Perhaps if any of you saw the program you know to what I refer. It is a cause led by some women who want to throw off the image that womanhood has had down through the years.~~ <sup>THEY DON'T WANT TO BE CONSIDERED DOMINATED BY THE MALE</sup> They want to be executives and congresswomen and representatives. They do not want to be just housewives. In fact they are suggesting that the men and women of the country should equally work part time, and the time they are not working they could share the household duties and caring

for the children. Personally I think they just want an excuse to escape their duties. Women should thank God they have been created women and are given the ability and the talent to be the wonderful wives and homemakers <sup>MOST OF THEM</sup> they are. But you see this is what is popular today. It's the great escape. <sup>ONE OF OUR BIGGEST PROBLEMS IS THAT WE WANT TO ESCAPE</sup> Who wouldn't at one time or another want to throw off what he is doing and do something more exciting? We all have <sup>HAVE</sup> this urge ~~at one time or another~~. But look at what trying to escape from the world has done for some groups. When we think along these lines our minds turn to the Roman Catholic monasterys and convents. What have most of these done? Mostly they have kept a certain segment away from society. It takes more courage and spunk to be out in society working at our Christianity than it does to run and hide in a stone building stuck away from everything and everyone. <sup>COR</sup> Then look at the Amish people. One can't help but admire their courage to continue to live as they do. But honestly, what can we point to, to prove that what they have done and how they have chosen to live has accomplished anything? We cannot escape from life or from reality. Yet this is what the false prophets of today are advocating. Get away from it all. If it doesn't suit you then break away from it. Fortunately those who heed this advice are in the minority. It takes real dedicated people to try to solve the problems of the world and our society without wanting to run and hide. Sometimes it seems that too often these people are in the minority too. But we really don't ~~often~~ hear from all those who are systematically going about their life living and trying to help others.

~~Then~~ Religion is a false religion if the false prophets promise an easy way. An easy life. Christianity can never be easy. It is not a complete hardship, but it is not easy. Christianity is not merely going to Church once a week and putting it away until next week. It is ~~a~~ living and doing as the Master would have us to do the other days of the week. It is not an accepting of Christ and ~~a~~ forgetting that we promise to follow in His footsteps. It means becoming involved. It means going out into the world to be of help and assistance. The world is not just in this building. It is out there on that street and in the next town and up the road, and anywhere that we encounter people. The world is the people we work with who perhaps need help and are just hoping that we will give them some encouragement in their lives. This is what Christianity is all



about. This is what we should be doing. Not just talking, and talking, and talking. But doing and being and loving. A lovely poem entitled, "Your Mission", by Ellen

tes expresses these thoughts very appropriately. (Poem from Scotts, Treasured Volume) . Close with this. Let us pray.

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Salem Township 11:00 10/6/68

\*Hymn 239  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Gospel of John  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Scripture I Corinthians 1:1-17  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 240

\*Gospel of Matthew 23:1-23  
\*Hymn 272  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 252  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 252

St. John Lutheran 9:30 10/6/68

\*Processional Hymn 47  
\*Chorus Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
\*Assurance of Pardon  
\*Gospel of John 1:1-17  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 276  
\*Scripture I Corinthians 1:1-17  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 276

\*Gospel of Matthew 23:1-23  
\*Hymn 270  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 278  
\*Prayer of the People  
\*Benediction  
\*Hymn 278



PRIMERY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 1115 E. 13th, Waco, Tex. 76787  
 Christ Church, Waco, Tex. 76787 8:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, Waco, Tex. 76787 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP October 10, 1971

The Order of Worship  
 \*The hymn of Praise 21  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Our Father, we do not want to come to thee  
 to confess our rebellion against thee. In  
 Christ we try to hide our wild spirit. Yet we  
 are compelled to prostrate ourselves before  
 thee, for there is nothing within us that can  
 turn us round. Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
 that by thy grace the warfare that we know to  
 win will be ours, and we may worthily honor thy  
 name and render unto thee an acceptable  
 offering of our lives, through Jesus Christ,  
 our Lord and Savior.  
 \*The Greeting  
 \*The Declaration of Pardon  
 \*The Scriptures--I Corinthians 1:1-17  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 \*The Creed (Unison)  
 \*The Prayers  
 \*The Prayers of the Faithful and Coffer's  
 \*The Offering  
 \*The Offering of Prayer and Praise  
 \*The Offering of Praise 467  
 \*The Offering of Praise  
 \*The Offering of Praise 466  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude  
 \*The Benediction (Unison)

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Home will be Oct. 24th in both churches.  
 Home canned goods will be accepted this  
 year.

## CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCM is behind. We need \$100 per month to  
 meet our quota. If you have not made your  
 contribution, please consider it.

Nominating Committee: George Lippard, Russell  
 Reub, Ruth Hickey, Janet Borenson.

Widow's Club will meet Tues. Oct. 12th  
 at 7:30 P.M.

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 at the home of Sister Steel at 7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Florence W. is in the Harrisburg Hosp.  
 C Bld. Room 101.

## TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Constitution Meeting Tues. Oct. 12th at 7:30  
 P.M. at the church.

Oct. 7-17 any kind of clean clothing is be-  
 ing collected by the ladies of the church  
 for the Back Bay Mission, Boston. On  
 the back of each item, please place a label  
 for offering to be used for the mission and  
 the clothing should be clean.

Mrs. V. M. H. is in room 436 at Hershey  
 Medical Center.

The Plains, Folio Year of Perry County will  
 be Sept. Oct. 14th. The bulletin board for  
 details.



## Paul's Letter to the Corinthians

Text: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 17

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Probably most of us have read and reread Paul's letters several times. I think we have all probably read at least the 12th chapter of 1st Cor. This is one of the most familiar of Paul's letters and one of the best loved. However much of Paul's writing seems a little strange at times and at times it's meaning may not be clear to us. Perhaps if we knew some of the background and the circumstances surrounding the writing then the meaning would be much clearer. So let us take the portion of 1st Cor. which was our Scripture for today and look at it closely.

Corinth was a city in southern Greece. It was famous for its luxury, commerce and art. As most ancient cities it was founded and settled for two reasons. First was water and second was defence. If a place had an abundance of water and was not easily overrun then it was considered ideal for settling. Corinth met both of these requirements. Paul first arrived in Corinth in 50 A.D. He came back 5 years later and remained for 18 months. *1 STAFF ABLE 2 YEARS*

The letters which Paul wrote followed a pattern much as some do today. To begin with a letter first told of the sender. In the first verse of 1st Cor. it states, "From Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ of God's call and by God's power." *gathered is thought to have been a leader of the synagogue* *This is the order of the opening of the letter* *sign our letters at the end, but in ancient times the sender inserted his name at the beginning.* Next came the name of the addressee. In verse 2 it states, "To the congregation of God's people at Corinth." Next came a greeting. Verse 3, says, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Next came a thanksgiving. Paul states, Verse 4. After this comes the body of the letter. Then at the end is a benediction. Paul closes this letter in the 16th chapter with the words, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you, My love to you all in Christ Jesus. Amen". This is the form that ancient letters took and if we go through the writings of Paul we will see that this pattern holds pretty true to form.

Paul's reason for writing to these people becomes self evident after

a few verses. There was disorder and disunity as well as divisions in the Church of Corinth. Paul was writing to heal this breach and to bring harmony to the Church. There is an illustration that has been given that points out how some of these Greek Christians were separated by their beliefs. <sup>6:25-26</sup> The Greek Christians who were sold into slavery were always being sold apart. One of the examples of this was a picture that was drawn on a wall. It showed a man on a cross, and the head of the man was that of a donkey. On the ground was a man kneeling, with his arms outstretched. Underneath the picture was the caption, "Alexandros worships his God." This was the unbeliever that Paul was confronted with. The people of the Corinthian church were torn between their old religions and pagan gods and worshipping their chosen God. They were made fun of and suffered torment at the hands of those who did not accept Christ. Then to top it off they were divided among themselves in the Church. Here is where Paul begins the body of this letter. He starts off by attacking the problem right at the beginning. We ~~have~~ <sup>try to picture the man Paul pacing</sup> back and forth as he dictated the letter to a secretary. <sup>How the man Paul paced back and forth as he dictated the letter to a secretary.</sup> This by the way is how all letters were composed, by dictation. ~~Paul states verse 17.~~ The main problem of division is attacked by Paul very quickly. The congregation was split into groups. Each group claimed to be led by a different apostle. Paul takes the group of his followers and points out that it was not he who died on the cross. The ones who said they were Paul's and were most probably his first converts in Corinth. The ones claimed to belong to Apollo were followers of a man named Crispus and a man who was skilled in the interpretation of dreams. Perhaps he gained converts because some of the congregation preferred his style of preaching to that of Paul. The group that followed Cephas were followers of Peter, since Cephas is just another name for Peter. Then finally there was a group who claimed "I am Christ's". Here Paul points out that Christ belongs to all men and not just a group of special people. Paul insists that his converts were not baptized in his name since the name meant ownership. If you will recall when someone is baptized in the church it is done in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To the Corinthians this took on importance. It meant they belonged to Christ. It is rather comic how Paul states, Thank God, I never baptized one of you, except Crispus and

and gains." Then he goes on to say, "So no one can say you were baptized in my name. Oh yes I did baptize the household of Stephanus; I cannot think of anyone else." Then he goes on to state his real purpose for being an apostle of Jesus. (Bottom of page 17)

Now again we can draw parallels from this letter. Once again we can see that this is a very timely message. In our world today and especially in our nation at the present time we can find evidence of what Paul was faced with at Corinth. There are people who are willing to stake their all on the fortune or misfortune of those men who are running for public office. One man tells us we will be able to live comfortably without fear of this or that. Another one tells us that if he is elected he will change many things and take care care of us in different ways. Still others tell us other things. We have hundreds of thousands of people giving their time, their energies and all they can spare to get some people elected. And for what? So they can gain something personally. Let these same people would feel imposed on if they were asked to serve their Lord in much the same way. Ours is the task of teaching and preaching Jesus Christ. We are the nucleus from which the kingdom of God can be advanced. We need to re-examine ourselves and to take a new look at our aims, our goals, and our purposes.

There are times when we become untracked and find that we are lost and on the way. This is nothing to be ashamed of, or to fear. This happens to everyone at one time or another, and it is possible for it to happen many times. You may even be living in an era that many times can make us forget or become unaware of what it is we are living to do. This is probably the greatest hardship the modern church has to face. How can something plain and simple as the Gospel of Jesus Christ compare with television, computers, the space race, modern medical advances, social security and so on? These are all things that you and I have almost accepted as common place. People today think that the church and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is too tame. The Sermon on the Mount can't begin to be as thrilling as a countdown at Cape Kennedy. The story of the birth of Christ is too tame as compared to the market reaction on Wall Street. The crucifixion can't be even classified in the same thrilling way as sitting and watching a picture



As I read this Scripture I got to thinking that sometimes in our churches we become so bowed down with rules and regulations that we thwart the will of God. We lose sight of our real aim and purpose. This is a common failing of men, and it must have been just as prevalent in the time of Paul as it is now. Paul was trying to cope with a situation in which the members of the Corinthian congregation were divided and actually following or being loyal to other men instead of God. This is where the danger lies. We belong to God. We should be following Him and not man. We must place our lives and our complete beings in His hands. To look to man for our salvation is to look in vain. Our men in government can give us public assistance. They can give us social security, and they can promise us all other kinds of material things. But they cannot give us salvation. This only can come from God. Nor can the peace of mind and soul come from man. This too only comes from God. We belong to God and someday we will return to Him. We must then be willing to follow God instead of man. In the words of one of our hymns, "Lead us not into temptation, Thou God and Governor our way. Our earthly rulers falter, Our vessels drift and die; The walls of gold entomb us, The swords of scorn divide. Take not Thy thunder from us, But take away our pride." This should be our theme.



This should be our goal. To follow wherever God leads. To live the Christian life daily and to not let man become the one we follow. Another hymn that we sing in Sunday school says, "Where He leads me I will follow. where He leads me I will follow. Where He leads me I will follow. I'll go with Him, with Him, all the way. God grant that we may go with in all the way. Let us pray.

TRINITY CHURCH--PUEBLO AND CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. High, Minister 9:00 AM  
 Christ Church, Lumberton  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP October 17, 1977

\*The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Lord of Prayer 19  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst give thy  
 life for us that we might receive pardon  
 and peace, mercifully cleanse us from all  
 sin, and evermore keep us in thy favor and  
 love, who livest and reignest with the Father  
 and the Holy Spirit, over all God, world  
 without end. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 P. Scripture-- Ephesians 4:22-32  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem (Trinity)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Gifts and Offering  
 \*The Hallel  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Sign of Baptism 23  
 The Verse--"Hark! On the New Day"  
 The Verses for the  
 \*The Hymn of Response 243  
 \*The Benediction  
 \*The Graceful Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation 24:00

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Home will be Oct. 24th in both churches  
 so home canned goods will be accepted this  
 year.

Youth Sunday will be observed Oct. 31st. The  
 youth will lead us in worship.

## CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a few Penna. Trays available for  
 \$1.00. See Claire Steele.

Neighbors in Need collection: \$66.00  
 Pakistan Relief 16.00

Those in the hospital:  
 Mrs. P. Moss, Harrisburg Hosp. room 101, C. Bldg.  
 John McCoy, Harrisburg Hosp. room 1026  
 Mrs. L. Shenbach, Polyclinic Hosp. room 149  
 Mrs. R. Steiner, Holy Spirit Hospital

## TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neighbors in Need collection: \$31.15  
 Jr. Sunday School Sept. 6.14  
 Pakistan Relief 22.00

Today is the last day for the clothing  
 drive for Holy Day Mission, Miami, Fla.  
 An offering plate is on the back table for  
 money needed for postage and handling of these  
 clothes.

Mrs. Mary Magee is in room 436 at Hershey  
 Medical Center.



Text: Ephesians 4: 22-27.

Every year at the beginning of the new year many people take a fresh look at their lives and make new resolutions to change a portion or in some cases their entire lives. Too often these resolutions are kept for only a brief time and the individual slips back into the same old groove. Perhaps this is what Paul was writing to the Church at Ephesus about. He writes that they should, "put aside your old self, and put on the new self." He paralleled this in our language by saying, "to turn over a new leaf." But whichever phrase we use there is one thing which is the exception. We would all probably agree that in the midst of our lives if we look back at ourselves and find that we have not changed, this is probably kept from us by the fact that we have not been honest with ourselves. We have been honest for the most part, but we have not been honest with ourselves, and even so in the longer evenings now with us, to have some time for reflection and this leads itself to reading or writing. I should like to find itself in a resolution, we need to make a new one and it is a while to see how far we have come we owe to the Christian life. If we are honest with ourselves ~~and~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> honest with ourselves, because after all who are we kidding if we are dishonest with ourselves? We can honestly come up with a very formidable looking list in most cases, we have been honest with ourselves for a long time and then to meditate upon it and ask ourselves, "What does this particular portion say to us?" To be quite frank this morning we have read this portion and we have made up our mind and think. I found that it said and is saying many things to me.

Most of us because of our human frailty, can read a portion of scripture and immediately we can see that this part fits Mr. So and So to a tee. And it certainly is too bad that Mrs. Such and Such isn't here this morning to hear heard this scripture because this one was her. Our feeling is that we can feel that a portion of the Bible is reserved for those other people and a portion is reserved for us. Our emotion needs, "I'll be a good and faithful servant." Isn't this your life? One of the most memorable sermons I ever heard was about these two words, "I'll be a good and faithful servant." It was given by a man who had been a slave and he had been a slave for a long time.



the first part of this is to know how it is that light is left in darkness. They said  
he is really white in the dark. It is covered over the darkness is the only  
behind and so on until it is covered over the last year and no one does it to imply  
to him personally.

Paul was hurling epithets at these people, and I wondered as I  
pondered these words whether they hurled them behind them or took them to heart.  
He said to stop telling lies, in said to control anger, don't hold grudges, don't  
do any sort of evil. These are all very pertinent things. One of the things to-  
day are made up of the same type of men and women who were in the church at Athens.  
We still do the things that are forbidden in the church of Jesus Christ. It is sur-  
prising how many things are done and have been done in the name of religion. One  
of the churches we moved with, the Congregational Church came to this country to  
get away from religious persecution in England. Yet what did they do in New England?  
They looked upon people of other religions and looked upon them as the enemy. This was not  
wrong to them but being persecuted by the kind of people you. This is an extreme  
example to be sure, but this shows the kind of people I am talking about. I would like  
to see that in other parts of the country where they have come and that  
WERE ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> in the last days of Christianity, and that this was the  
should avoid people of that kind that their names ever before their names? Paul  
gives an answer of his own and of his words. He states, "The friends will be  
gathered, and tried, surviving each other as readily as God survives you in Christ."  
This is the key to being a real Christian. To be able to forgive. Yet how many of  
us are willing to forgive? You have heard it some times and so have I. For someone  
will have been wronged by another and so he states, "I'll never forgive him for  
what he did to me." This is the strictly human outlook. The Christian outlook  
would be to forgive him and forget about it. But perhaps it needs one more  
little bit to be able to look up the story with all its details and years  
after it has happened. William Barclay in his interpretation of Matthew points  
out that there are five different <sup>in the New Testament</sup> words used for the word we know as sin. He  
would go into all of them but one that is particularly fitting here is the word  
conscience which literally means observing oneself. Sin then would be the observing  
conscience the line which is drawn between right and wrong. Here then we must ask our-

selves some questions. Do we always stay on the right side of the line that divides honesty and dishonesty? Is there never any thing such as a petty dishonesty in our lives? Do we always stay on the right side of the line that divides truth and untruth or lying? Do we never by word or by silence twist or evade or distort the truth? Do we always stay on the right side of the line that divides kindness and courtesy from selfishness and discourtesy? Is there never an unkind word or action in our lives? If we really answer as we should there is not one of us who can claim to be free of all of these sins. Yet we come to God and we pray the Lord's Prayer and ask Him to forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Thus when we hold grudges against someone or say that we will not forgive someone for something done such a long time ago, we are in fact asking God to not forgive us. In other words how can we ever see forgiveness if we are unwilling to forgive?

Robert Louis Stevenson lived in the South Sea Islands for a time. There he conducted family worship for the entire household in the evening. The worship always ended with the Lord's Prayer. One evening in the middle of the prayer he was very ill and left the room. When his health was always rather poor, his wife thought that perhaps he was ill and she called him. Is there anything wrong she asked? "Only this," he said, "I am not fit to pray the Lord's Prayer today." One of us are fit to pray this prayer every time in our lives. Let us remember - if the next time we pray it and if there is someone we have not forgiven or refuse to forgive, let us bear in mind that we are asking God to not forgive us when we pray this prayer.

Then we must learn to understand people. Too often we meet someone and we make a snap judgement about that person which colors our entire thinking about him the remainder of the time we know him. Have you ever done this? I think most of us have. I can remember very clearly several times that I did this only to have to change my entire opinion of an individual. So I have learned the hard way to accept people as they are and to try not to judge their actions and motives. Dr. Jones is mentioned in several of the parables of Jesus. He was a Samaritan. When Jesus said that this man is good and honest, the Jews all said he was an old soul man. And from outward appearances he was. He never smiled, he always wore a scowl. He never bothered to talk to anyone. But he minded his own business.

For some unknown reason I decided that I would try to speak to this man. Every Sunday when I saw him I made a point of greeting him with a smile and a handshake. It didn't take too long before it seemed as though he searched for me and shook hands and smiled in return. It turned out that he was not a poor man, but was just a rather backward person who minded his own business. We never know what is bothering someone else. Perhaps the person we label as unfriendly, is this way because he or she is ill. Perhaps they are backward. Perhaps they have many problems at home. There are numerous reasons why someone behaves in a certain way. Forgiveness for us can many times be much easier if we first try to understand someone before we start to condemn him.

We have all heard the expression "be forgiving and merciful." But what is what we must do. As long as we ourselves are not hurt or injured we can be as kind as we please. There isn't much hope that we are changing. We have all heard of the "backward" people. When we see people like this we can do what they want. We can say that we are forgiving but we don't forget. In doing this we forget the hurt or the injury inflicted upon our minds and ask it impossible to do either. A Scottish writer and critic by the name of Andrew Lang, once wrote a very nice review of a book written by a young writer. This man never had this kind of review with a bitter incident, insulting attack upon Mr. Lang. About three years later Mr. Lang was staying with Robert Bridges at a party. Bridges saw Lang reading a certain book and he was amazed. He remarked, "Why that is another book by that unpleasant young man who behaved so shamefully to you." To his utter amazement Andrew Lang's mind was a complete blank of the entire affair. He had completely forgotten the insulting and bitter attack of this young writer. This is what complete forgiveness can do. If we strive to have the spirit of Christ within us we can also do this. This is what we must do, instead of remembering our wounds caused by other people we should try to do for the person who hurt us. If it is true, as I have said, that we should not remember our wounds, then we should also have mercy I am sure. This is what I saw the women-teacher of our Church School. One of the women who was called a teacher by officer clubs would have an embarrassing me whenever there was a school meeting attended by the entire Sunday School. For this man was so ignorant. He was an



educated man. A decrier by profession. After one of these encounters I was rather sorry and I happened to remark to the minister that I would like to make Dr. so and so in the nose. You see I was rather young and impetuous. The minister replied that what I should do was <sup>not</sup> say this man. I crumbled then. I would and didn't think too much of the idea. The next general meeting we had, the same thing happened. When this man had launched into his embarrassing routine of asking questions which were unanswerable or which I couldn't answer. While he was thus occupied I silently prayed for him. It didn't stop his attack however. <sup>But</sup> I got into the habit of praying for him whenever I became irked by a thrust of his. The evening of the next meeting there came another such. I took the occasion to say to him if he had any message to give me regarding a possible revival. He said yes, that we had never sold out. He said to me, all it takes is that old familiar word, Love. We cannot give this love unless we have the love of Jesus Christ in our hearts. We cannot have this love in our hearts unless Jesus Christ is there. And He cannot come into our hearts unless we invite Him. It is as simple as that. To be founded on just one thing. Let us each one ask Jesus Christ to come and dwell in our hearts today. Maybe then we can change our whole thinking and our whole outlook also. It is certainly worth a try, and now is as good a time to start as any. Let us pray

*NOW IS THE TIME TO BE PUTTING ON THE NEW MAN OR WOMAN.*







My dear Mr. [Name],  
 I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
 glad to hear that you are well. I am  
 very busy at present, but I will  
 try to get some time to write to you  
 soon.

I am very interested in your  
 work, and I hope you will be able to  
 continue it. I have been thinking  
 about it a great deal lately, and I  
 am sure that it will be of great  
 value to the world. I am sure that  
 you will be able to do it, and I  
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I am sure that you will be able to  
 do it, and I am sure that you will  
 be able to do it in a way that will  
 be of great value to the world.

Yours truly,  
 T. A. K.

I have been thinking of you for some time now, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I always find time to think of my friends.

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And now at last we have had a few days of fine weather. It is a real treat after all this rain.

I have been thinking of you for some time now, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I always find time to think of my friends.

Good, and you will have treasure in heaven and come follow me."

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Driving at.

Concern with the work of the Holy Spirit and the help of the Holy Spirit in our lives.





To: ASHLEY

[illegible]

Call to Worship: Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift.

Call to Confession: If we then who are evil, know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more will our Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him? Let us ask for forgiveness.

Lord: have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

TRINITY CHURGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor 8:00 A.M.  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Duncan

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP November 21, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 434  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Father God, we humbly ask forgiveness, for we have squandered that which thou hast so graciously given to the sons of men. We spread the gift of fertile soil to the winds and cause it to be washed into the sea. In our greed we pollute the pure water and lakes and streams. We take the ore from under the earth and use it for evil purposes. If only, Father, this were the end of it! But even more, we abuse, twist, and manipulate thy gift of our brothers for our private ends. Even this is not the end, for we take the gift of thy Son, and his body the Church, and his Word, and bend them to our desires. Have mercy, most merciful Father. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Genesis 32:1-14  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 Anthem  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 Thank Offering---Trinity Church, page 22-23  
 The Organ Dedication---Christ Church  
 The Hymn of Meditation 435  
 The Sermon---"A Fight for Survival"  
 The Burial Prayer  
 The Hymn of Response 436

\*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Women United will meet at Trinity United Methodist Church, Mon. evening at 8:00 P.M. to make bed pads.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wed. Nov. 24th at 7:30 P.M. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert Dalton will be the speaker.

Next Sunday, Nov. 28th, the Rev. Braynard E. Kurkowski, ministerial candidate for the Newport charge will preach.

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Family Advent Wreath fellowship will be held at 8:00 P.M. this afternoon. Organ recital this evening at 7:30 P.M. *Nov. 21, 1971*

Today is Mrs. Linda Achenbach's birthday. We extend our best wishes to her and wish her a very happy birthday.

The flowers this morning have been placed in loving memory of Homer Dowdick by Mary Louise Dowdick and family.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Wed. Nov. 24th at 7:30 P.M. here in our church. The Rev. Lloyd Molt will be the speaker.

Missionary Circle, with the help of others, will have the worship service at Kinross Home on Sun. Nov. 28th at 2:00 P.M.

*MIAK C. B. BAW 11/21/71 10:30 P.M.*  
*OK 1/2 P.M. 11/21/71*



## THANKS GIVING

C-Fr

Over the river and through the wood,  
To have a first rate play.  
Hear the bells ring, ting-a-ling-ding!  
Hurrah for "Thanksgiving Day!"

Perhaps this little poem by Lydia Maria Child, brings back some fond memories of Thanksgiving days gone on before. I ~~can~~ think back to ~~when our teacher in school would read this poem or some other story~~ and this time of the year, when for a day or so before Thanksgiving the regular arithmetic lessons were put away and the kindly old teacher would read such poems to us. Or she would read of the first Thanksgiving Day. My mind would wander and I would become involved in wonderful daydreams. I could picture a sleigh going through the woods to a nice warm cozy farmhouse and once inside smell the pleasant pungent aroma of roasting turkey, mingled with the smell of spices and pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce. This was pleasant pastime as a young lad, but is Thanksgiving just a time for pleasant memories and turkey and pumpkin pie? Is it just a time that we set aside to indulge in leisure or in feasting? Or does it have another significance?

In response to this I am reminded of the covenant that was made between God and man. I think we can all recall how God told Abraham that he would be their God if they would believe in him and follow

Him. He made a covenant with them in this respect. I think we also know how, down through the years the people would follow and then turn from God and ~~do~~ this time after time. Each time God would accept them back into the fold.

Finally Moses came along, and God selected him to be the leader for his people the Israelites. So, after ~~visiting~~ the Egyptians with ~~plagues~~ plagues, the Israelites were on their way to the promised land. The land flowing with milk and honey. But while Moses was on the mount talking with God, the people became restless and asked Aaron to help them. They asked him to make them a God, because Moses had deserted them and they needed someone to lead them. So they made the golden calf.

But Moses was sent back by God, ~~and~~ he and Joshua returned. ~~and~~ he became so angry he threw the tablets of stone to the ground breaking them, and he ground the calf to powder and made them drink of it.

Then he exclaimed, "Who is for Yahweh? To me!" And so the Levites who came to Moses were instructed to kill some of the Israelites for their evil. About 3,000 men were killed that day. Moses then went back to the mount and spoke to God again, and God renewed his covenant with the people. But then if we follow the history of the Israelites, we see that they would follow for a certain length of time and then they would fall away from God. And so God established a new covenant with his people in the form of Jesus Christ. This present covenant is what you and I are living under.

But in the founding of this nation, a renewal of the covenant took place and it was called the Mayflower Compact. These pilgrims who first landed here took this covenant seriously. They brought with them their Geneva Bible and they started a colony of God fearing and God loving people.

Contrary to popular belief, the 102 people who made up this original group were a youthful group. Mostly they were young couples with children. William Bradford was just 31 when he was elected governor of

~~of~~ this group not long after their arrival. Some of the other leaders were in their twenties. But the real significance of these people was, that they took their faith seriously enough, and this is what sustained them through the hardships they endured. ~~More~~ More than half of the people who landed at Plymouth Rock ~~in 1620~~ died within a matter of weeks after that landing in that bitter winter of 1620-1621.

But thanksgiving was one biblical precept that they observed. If we read the scriptures, we find that the Israelites gave thanks time after time, when God did something for them. Even though they turned from him completely and repeatedly, they would give thanks when they were again on good terms with him.

William Bradford told how that first Thanksgiving Day was set aside, because a long spring summer drought had threatened their crops, so they, quote, "set apart a solemn day of humiliation, to seek the Lord by humble and fervent prayer, in this great distress." Bradford further stated that the day was clear and hot, yet toward evening the sky became overcast and a long soaking rain followed, which astonished even the Indians. Seasonable showers thereafter gave them a good harvest and so they set apart a special day for thanksgiving.

~~It is also strange that~~ National Bible Week will be observed this week as well as Thanksgiving Day. Both of these events should go together it seems. With your bulletin, you also received a bookmark with Bible readings on it for November and December. You may also send to the American Bible Society for a calendar of Bible readings for 1972. ~~But~~ Isn't it rather strange that the two things upon which our country has been founded, are in such desperate straits today? The church has been declining and Bible reading has been outlawed in many ways. But our pursuit of pleasure and relaxation has increased at a rate so terrific, that the manufacturers of motor homes, campers, skimobiles and so on have not been able to keep pace. Our legislators are concerned with getting us more and more three day holidays so we may



have more time to travel and be enjoying ourselves. I heard one of our nationally known ~~xxxx~~ commentators facetiously remark that very soon our holidays will all be known by different names and all be observed at different times. For instance the 4th of July will be on some weekend in June and be known as something other than independence day. Yom Kippur for the Jews will be known as the minority ethnic group holiday, and Christmas will be on a three day weekend in December and be known as "Other religions special day." Now all of this may be said in fun, but really what has happened in our nation is to change the real meaning and true purpose of our national holidays. Are these merely weekends to have fun, or are they meant for a specific purpose, we must ask?

Thanksgiving is a holiday of special religious significance and it should be observed as such. But is it? The answer is a resounding no. There were only about 17 people who had something to be thankful for in <sup>ALL</sup> New Bloomfield last year. At least this is the number who showed up for the ~~Thanksgiving~~ Eve service last year. There were only 100 people in Duncannon who had anything to be thankful for last year, at least this is the number who showed up for services last year, and most of them were from the church where the service was held. <sup>I think the service was held in the church where the service was held. I think the service was held in the church where the service was held.</sup>

I realize that we are busy people and we all have many things to do. But I ask you, are we that busy that we cannot take time to worship God for one hour, for all the blessings we have received this past year?

In an editorial in Christianity Today from November of last year, (1970), the editor ~~asked~~ remarked, "Do we really dare follow their example, (meaning the Pilgrims), of discipline and devotion? Actually we may not have a choice. For them it was a matter of survival, and it may soon be for us as well." We are involved in a test of our devotion and discipline right now, as we <sup>have</sup> never ~~been~~ been before. Our nation is torn as it has never been torn before. We have all manner of factions and groups contending for our time, our money and our minds. We as a people



and as a nation must become stronger in our devotion and in our discipline if we are to continue as a nation Under God. Our nation has been a nation that has tried to live under the new covenant from God. But slowly and surely those who oppose God, are gaining new in-roads every year and in fact every day. We are being undermined and undercut in more ways than we realize. If we don't wake up soon, and start getting back to being a thankful God-fearing people and nation, it will be too late.

Let ~~us~~ have fun, let ~~us~~ enjoy our ~~holy~~ holidays. Let's do some of the things we like to do. But let us also remember what all of this is about. Let's be thankful enough to our God and creator, that we show it in our devotion and in our discipline to Him.

The late president John F. Kennedy said in his Thanksgiving proclamation in 1963, "Let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice and understanding among all men." ~~Let us pray.~~

THE RALLYING CRY FOR US IS THE SAME AS IT WAS FOR THE ANABAPTISTS. ALL WE ARE FOR "ARMED", SHOW IT. THE FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL IS ON AND WE ARE ALL BEING THROWN LIKE IT OR NOT. WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE LIVE WILL BE GREAT DETERMINING FACTORS IN THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION. WHO IS FOR "ARMED", TO HIM! LET US PROVE.

St. John Emlenton 11:00 12/8/68

\*processional Hymn  
\*Choral Call to Worship  
\*Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Responsive Reading Page 567 Sel. 3  
Hymn  
Scripture Reading John 1:1-15, 3: 36-21  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements

Offering, Prayer

\*Hymn 117  
Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 108

\*Benediction

\*Three fold Amen

Salem Lamartine 9:30 12/8/68

Processional Hymn 100  
\*Choral Call to Worship (or page 107)  
\*Confession of Sin  
Assurance of Pardon  
Scripture John 1:1-15, 3:16-21  
\*Gloria Patri  
\*Apostles Creed  
\*Pastoral Prayer  
Anthem  
Announcements  
CALL DRAWS BOX 17. RE 100.  
MYTH FELL.  
CONF NEWS

Offering, Response, Prayer

Hymn 112

Sermon

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 97

\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

Call to worship: It is full time now for you to wake from sleep. The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of life.

Call to Confession: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: "They shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; Behold your God will come with vengeance even God with a recompense; He will come and save you." Amen.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
125th Anniversary Year

John R. Bacher, Pastor  
Esther W. Herwig, Organist and Director  
George Heiser, Acolyte

2nd Sunday in Advent      December 5, 1971

- ORGAN PRELUDES  
a) "Morning Song" by Demorest  
b) "Melody of Peace" by McDowell  
ADVENT SENTENCE  
CHURCH BELLS  
MEDITATION - "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Dykes  
\* SOLEMN ANNOUNCEMENT  
\* INTROIT for the 2nd Sunday in Advent  
M. Behold, thy salvation cometh.  
C. The Lord shall cause his glorious  
voice to be heard, and ye shall have  
gladness of heart.  
\* GLORIA PATRI  
\* COLLECT for the 2nd Sunday in Advent  
HYMN #76 - "Hark, the Glad Sound"  
SCRIPTURE LESSONS  
Epistle - Romans 15:4-13  
Gospel - Luke 21:25-36  
\* DOXOLOGY  
\* APOSTLES' CREED  
ANTHEM - "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord"  
SILENT PRAYER and PASTORAL PRAYER  
PRAYER RESPONSE  
OFFERING  
OFFERTORY - "Intermezzo" by Faulkes  
OFFERING PRAYER  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
\* HYMN #166 - "I Need Thee Every Hour" (1-3)  
SERMON - "If Jesus Is God"  
Text - Matthew 2:11b  
SERMON PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER  
\* HYMN #78 - "Arise, the Kingdom Is at Hand"  
\* BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE - "Marche Romaine" by Gounod  
(\* - congregation standing)

Our altar flowers are placed in memory of  
Mr. Thomas McMerney by his son, Tom.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th

11:45 A.M. Election of officers to the  
Church Council and of representatives to  
the Federated Board of the United North  
Side Ministry. Those completing terms  
in office are Trustee Allen Stepnick,  
Elders William Baierl and John Krapp,  
Deacons Fred Genter and Estella Haase,  
and Representatives Estella Haase, Alice  
Mudge, and Betty Keynolds.  
After church this morning we will have  
our first practice for the Christmas  
play, "Which of the Nine" - to be presented  
at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday December 19th.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7th

3:30 P.M. Community children's group.  
7:30 P.M. Joint Committee meeting at  
St. Peter's Church.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9th

7:30 P.M. Dartball at 8th United Presby-  
terian Church, 2403 Perrysville Ave.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11th

10:00 A.M. Confirmation Class.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS:

Mrs. Elizabeth Belohlavek at Allegheny  
Hospital, room 1421.

Please remember to pick up your church  
Christmas cards today: \$2.00 for 20 cards  
and 21 envelopes.



TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Linn, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Dunsmuir 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP December 5, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 100  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 O Gracious God, who hast given us thy  
 Creation and a new Covenant, who callest us  
 by the Word of Prophet and Apostle. We  
 confess that we have sinned in thy sight.  
 We have interrupted thy counsels, frustrated  
 thy purposes, and disobeyed thy commandments.  
 Then in our self esteem, we have challenged  
 thy wisdom, acted in haste, violated the  
 sanctity of ourselves and others, by our  
 thoughts and words, and have regarded our  
 ways higher than thy ways. In thy mercy O  
 God, hear our prayers and forgive us. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Genesis 1:1&2  
 John 1:1-14  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 The Anthem (Trinity)  
 The Pastoral Prayer  
 The Choral Response (Trinity)  
 The Announcements  
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings  
 \*The Doxology  
 \*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
 The Hymn of Meditation 107  
 The Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
 The Sermon---"Let There Be Light"  
 The Communion Prayer  
 \*The Hymn of Response 108

\*The Benediction  
 \*The Threefold Amen  
 \*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Covered dish dinner tonight at 5:30 P.M.  
 Let us all come and join in the fellowship.

SAVE TABLE SEAT

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT:

The regular monthly consistory meeting  
 will be held Monday Dec. 6th at 7:30 P.M.

Sunday afternoon Dec. 12th at 2:00 P.M.  
 we will meet to decorate the tree and hang  
 the greens in the church.

WELCOME 12/11/71

## Let There Be Light

O Little Town of  
Bethlehem

Text: John 1; 4 & 5

"All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light #2  
of men, a light that shines in darkness, a light that darkness could  
not overpower."

John

According to a legend, one Christmas Eve, Martin Luther  
was walking home through ~~snow covered~~ fields. He glanced at the stars  
shining brightly overhead and was impressed how they shown and sparkled  
through the snow covered branches of a fir tree. He hurried home to tell  
his family of this beauty and along the way he cut a small fir tree to  
take with him. When he reached home he took the tree and placed in on  
the floor of the living room, and placed lighted candles on it's branches  
to illustrate what he was trying to tell them. A candle lit Christmas  
tree became a family ritual in the Luther home from then on. This is  
supposedly how the custom of decorating and lighting fir trees at  
Christmastime came about.

Light and lighting has played an important role in the  
world. In the ancient world into which Jesus was born, light was very  
important. The pagan religions had very definite beliefs about light  
and also about darkness. The mystery religions which came mostly from  
Persia, as well as the religion of the Gnostics dealt with light and  
darkness. The word Gnosis from which the term Gnostic and the word we  
know of today as agnostic, meant knowledge. The Gnostics were people  
who had the knowledge and ~~were those who knew~~ the answers to things.  
To them light was the realm of the good gods, and darkness was the realm  
of the evil gods. There was to them a struggle between good and evil.  
So when John speaks of the word, (meaning Jesus), being the light in  
his Gospel he is probably trying to tell the Gnostics and the followers  
of the mystery cults that here was the one to overcome the darkness.  
In fact he states ~~that~~, "That life was the light of men, a light that

shines in the darkness, a light that darkness could not overpower." So light is not an unfamiliar word in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Matthew we read that the birth of Jesus was heralded by a bright star. Light in other words. This light was also a sign. When Isaiah spoke of the birth of Emmanuel, he said the Lord would give a sign. The sign was not only the birth of the baby but the sign of the star as well.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, "The glory of the Lord shone round about them," light again. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples on the mountain, "His clothes were as white as snow and his face shone with a light." At the tomb the angel appeared in bright and dazzling white. Each of these instances concerns the mention of light. In other words this light was something these people could understand. This light was the light of the world, and this too is why we decorate with lights on trees and in windows. This is why we light candles in church. To signify that we accept and know of the Light of the world.

The light that Jesus brought at his birth, and the light that he continues to bring into the lives of men and women throughout the world, is a light that make order out of chaos. In the beginning of the world at its creation, God said, "Let there be light." The light that he gave brought order out of chaos. Then he sent his son into the world and again he ~~must have~~ said, "Let there be light." And ~~again~~ there was light and this light again brought ~~order out of chaos~~ order out of chaos. If we are left to our own devices, we are at the mercy of our passions, of our fears, of our hungers, of our worries and all ~~of~~ the other ills of mankind. But with Jesus shining in our lives we can then see the light. We can know that no matter what our problem, we can overcome it with our Saviour, the light of the world.

The light which Jesus brings is a guiding light. In the 12th chapter of John we read that if a man walks in darkness, he does not possess the light. And when he receives the light and accepts it then he



walks in darkness no more. Time and again we read in the gospel accounts of people who came to Jesus and asked, "What must I do?" But when Jesus comes into the heart and the life of a person, the uncertainty is gone, the doubts are gone. Where once there was darkness there is now light, and the path is made clear. Without Jesus in our lives we are like the man who was in the railway station waiting between trains. While he waited, he went to a phone booth to make a call. Not knowing the number he tried to find it in the book in the booth. But he had no light and he was not too familiar with phone booths. So after frantically trying to look up the number in the dark booth with no success, he hailed a passing porter and asked him for help. The porter told him that if he would close the door, the light would come on. So it is with us, if we close our hearts to the outside world around us ~~and~~ the light comes into our lives and we find that which our souls long for and seek, "The light of the world."

When we compare light and darkness we see that most <sup>of the</sup> ~~that~~ is good is done in the light. The daylight hours are used to carry on most of the activities of life. But if we look at the hours of darkness, we see that most that is evil is carried on then. Most of the crimes committed are committed at night. This means the robberies and muggings and breaking and entering is done under the protective hand of darkness. But John tells us that Jesus shines through this darkness also and the darkness has not been able to overcome him.

Phillips Brooks from early childhood loved and memorized hymns. By the time he had reached college age he could repeat more than 200 of them. He never forgot them and he often used them in his sermons. While he was the rector of the Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, his parishioners sent him abroad for a year.. In december his travels took him to the Holy Land. There he traced the steps of his Saviour and on Christmas Eve he went to the little town of Bethlehem. He stood in the old church close to the spot where it is supposed that Jesus was born



and he listened as people worshipping in this church sang hymns to God. Two years later he remembered that night and was so filled with emotion that he sat down and wrote, "O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie, above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. It had only taken him a few minutes to write the entire hymn.

But what he mentions is the everlasting light shining in the dark street of Bethlehem. Other writers have written, O star of wonder star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light." As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward beaming bright." These are only a few examples of light and stars and their mention in hymns and poems. Many many others could be cited as examples of this thinking. But by their very wording we know something of this light. It was a star, it was a baby, it was a man. It was the Son of God. Each of them played a very important part in the life of Jesus.

As we wend our way once again to that little town of Bethlehem, let us not just look for the babe, nor should we become distracted by the sights and the sounds. The star and its light can throw us off the track and away from <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ main purpose. We are making this journey again, not to look at the light, but to see the source of it. The light of the world is what we seek. This is what men have been searching for for years. Some have found it and some are still looking for it. Men came many years ago and asked the question, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?" Men are asking this same question today. But they have changed it and are asking only, "Where is our King?" Men are seeking and searching for a king to rally behind and to follow. They are not limiting it to a king of just the Jews, but a king of all. This king is still available today as he was at his birth. Not a helpless baby,

nor a warrior king. But as the light of the world. The king who was hailed by light and in whom was light and who was the light, shining in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man was looking for something under the one street light on a city block. He explained to a passerby that he had lost his keys. On he looked but only under the light. When the passerby asked why he did not venture further than the small area he was covering he replied, "This is the only place where the light is." Jesus the light cannot be limited to one place or one spot. We cannot say he is only in Bethlehem or another geographical spot. He is everywhere, shining on into the darkness seeking men and women each and every day. May we in this advent season meet not only the babe and the star, but may we also have the light of the world in our lives.

Call to worship: Glory to God in the Highest and  
on earth peace, goodwill to men.

Call to Confession: This is the message we have  
heard and that we proclaim, that God is light  
and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in  
the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship  
with him and the blood of ~~our~~ Jesus his Son  
cleanses us from all sin. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

~~Christ~~, have merc~~y~~ upon us.

~~Lord~~, have mercy pon us.

~~Lord~~, have merc~~y~~ upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: There is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus. God showed  
his love for us by the gift of his Son Jesus  
and if we come to him and confess our sin, He  
forgives us and cleanses us by the blood of Christ.

TRINITY CHURGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:30 A.M.  
 Christ Church, Danaburton 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP December 19, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Hymn of Praise 120  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 O Lord, send us forth into the world in  
 thy name. Bestow upon us thy power, that  
 our weakness may become strength. Grant  
 unto us thy love, that our hatred may be  
 overcome. And pour forth thy peace, that  
 our anxieties may find comfort in thee,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture---Matthew 1:18-23  
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# TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastor and his family take this opportunity to thank the congregation for their cards and greetings for the season. We also wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and God's blessing upon each of you.

The following names have been placed in nomination:

Deaconess---Helen Lyons; Esther Eitner  
 Vote for one.

Deacons---Joe Leyder; Ralph Bailor; Herb Robb; Simon Bowersox; Frank Fry; Lee Saltsburg  
 Vote for three.

Elders---Lee Boggs; Gene Eby; Mabel Hair; Muriel Simonton  
 Vote for two.

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O CONF LIT L A  
"The Seventh hristmas"

Text: Matthew 1:24-25

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ADVENT  
The story of the Seventh Christmas was written by  
Coningsby Dawson. It is the story of Jesus seventh birthday. But  
rather than try to explain it to you, let me tell you the story instead.

The seventh Christmas started out for everyone else like  
any other ordinary day. For every except the boy Jesus. To him this was  
a special day as any birthday is to a young child. But his father and  
mother did not notice. At least they gave no indication they did.

To Joseph it was just another day in which he would work  
as usual, trying to eke out a living doing the same old carpenter work.  
But carpentry for him was not the joy it ~~once~~ had been. He was being passed  
by for the younger men. Money was scarce and hard to come by for him.  
He thought of how people had told him that the trip to Egypt seven years  
ago had sapped his strength and now he was too old to do the work.

Mary remembered it was her sons birthday, but she did not  
let on, because she had no present for him and no money to buy one.  
How well she remembered how angels had told her of how he was to a king.  
She also thought of the three ~~gaskets~~ golden boxes given to him by those  
three kingly looking men. But she had refused to let Joseph sell them  
as he wanted to do many times before. He always said that if he could  
sell them off they would have enough money to keep them in food and  
what they ~~had need of~~ <sup>needed</sup> for a long time. But she would not part with them.  
After all they were given to her son because he was to be a king.

As the day wore on Jesus waited patiently but no present  
and no recognition that his parents knew it was that special day for him.  
He saw his mother sitting in the doorway of the shop looking up and down  
the street as if she was awaiting someone. His father would work a bit  
on the ox yoke and grow tired and rest. From time to time he would nod

and drop off to sleep for a few moments and wake a few moments later to toil anew on the yoke. Poor father thought Jesus, if only I could do the work for him. He is so old and tired.

Seeing his parents thus burdened with the cares of life, he started to sing for them. "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want" he sang, and his mother smiled at him. When he could hold it back no longer Jesus ran to his mother and threw his arms around her. Mother, he said, "Do you know what today is?" She replied, "No I have not forgotten, I know it is your seventh birthday, but I do not have anything to give you." He laid his head on her shoulder and looking down at him she asked, "Are you sleepy?" He shook his head and told her he had been wondering about something his father had said to him about telling him a story, but he had to wait until he was grown to really believe it. He asked his mother about it. She said I will tell you the story of a king who was born seven years ago today. "Is it a true story," he asked? "A true story but you may not believe it," she replied.

One evening she said, she was sitting in her garden, when an angel came to her and told her she was to have a child. This child was to be a king and would rule all of Israel. She told him how Joseph had accepted her and what was to happen, but did not completely understand. Then she told how they had gone to Bethlehem for the census and how while they were there the time came for him ~~back~~ the king to be born. They only found room in a lowly stable and this is where ~~the~~ <sup>she</sup> other gave birth to this king. Then shepherds came to the stable to see this boy king. And the angels had appeared to them also.

Shortly thereafter there was a stir in the town and some elegantly dressed men with an entourage of servants came down the street knocking on doors and asking for him who was born king of the Jews.

The innkeeper was awakened and told them he knew ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup>

no king that had been born in Bethlenem that night or any other. But they pointed to a bright star in the sky and told him they had been following it for sometime. But then it seemed as though the star had settled over the stable where the mother and baby were and the three gentlemen entered followed by their servants. Each of them came forward and each took from a servant a gold box. The first man opened his box and brought out a crown of gold. "This is for power he said as he put it on the babys head." The gold of it is made up of thirty pieces of coin. The second man opened his box and a strong perfume came out of it. This incense is for the worship of you he said presenting it to the baby." The third man opened his box and gave it to the other saying, "This is myrrh which signifies death- a gift to every man born of woman." And then they departed. Then Jesus asked his mother, "Was it I that was born that night?" "Yes it was" she answered.

Well if it was I then the golden boxes were given to me and I would like to see them he said. Mary went into the shop and from the golden boxes and the robe she had made. their secret hiding place she brought them out. With trembling hands she opened the first box and from it took a golden crown and put it on his head. From the second she drew forth the frankincense and spread it on his robe. But the third box she did not open. Then off in the distance she heard the thudding of a fast running camel. "Where is he? Where is he?" She heard a voice calling. As he drew closer to town the sound grew louder and his weak voice could be heard plainer calling, "Where is he - Where is he?" As he drew near to the carpenter shop, Mary went outside and he asked as he came up to her, "Where is he who is born king of the Jews?" He was dusty and dirty from many days of travel. His voice was parched and cracked from calling out along the way. From the East he explained that he had come. He told her that the ~~old~~ old man who had been with him seven years ago, Melchoir was dying. He explained that Melchoir longed for the certainty that the child king was still alive.



He asked Mary if she could tell him where to find him. She pointed to the open doorway of the shop where stood Jesus. Looking at him he saw the golden crown gleaming in the moonlight. While at his feet the golden boxes stood. Rushing up to Jesus he took him in his arms and said, "It is true it is true. It was no dream.<sup>2</sup> "I came to you before with a lordly train but now I come stained with the dust of travel and empty handed. What is there that I can give you?"

Jesus answered, "It is my seventh birthday and my mother is hungry." The man pulled out some bread and dates from a ~~bag~~<sup>place</sup> and they ate in silence.

Then they talked, and the man told them he would give them palaces and marble and gold were they in his town. Slowly the night wore on and the man said he must return. "But what can we send back to Melchior to convince him that it really happened Mary asked. She thought of the crown but Melchior had given that. Then she thought of the frankincense but that was gone from the box as well. Mary thought of the carpenter tools, but Joseph needed them. Jesus said, "I know we will give him the third box to take with him. But Mary said no it means death and we cannot send that. But Jesus went and got the box and said that he would give it but first he would open it to see its contents. When he did a bright and dazzling light burst forth and instead of the gift of myrrh for death out of the box drifted a star. As it floated heavenward, the man cried, "The star which we had lost, the star which we had lost."

The star stood over the carpenter shop and waited for the man to follow. As he departed, Mary stood holding Jesus hand watching him ride away with the star leading him. They sat in the doorway and soon Mary was fast asleep. Jesus wrapped his robe about her. ~~Then~~<sup>OFF</sup> he took ~~off~~ his golden crown and put it in the golden box. Then he did something he had never done before, he took his fathers tools and worked on the ox yoke. When Mary awoke in the morning she thought she had been



dreaming. But when she looked for the golden boxes she found that one was missing. While she was still deep in her thoughts Joseph awoke and cried out with a happy voice, "The ox yoke is finished." The little boy Jesus was sound asleep on the shavings near the ox yoke. Looking at him she discovered that his hands were all blistered from toil. "Of a truth she whispered, "He is the Son of God."

Although this is only a story, this is what the Roman Centurion said as he stood at the cross and watched this same Jesus die. ~~THIS IS THE SON OF GOD~~ Truly this is the Son of God, O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24,  
1971

The Organ Prelude

\*The Hymn

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\*The Invocation (responsively)

M.L. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou  
who leadest Joseph like a flock: Thou who  
art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!

Resp. Stir up Thy might, and come to save  
us! Restore us, O God; let Thy face shine,  
that we may be saved.

M.L. Behold, the Lord God comes with night,  
and His arm rules for Him. Behold, His re-  
ward is with Him, and His recompense before  
Him.

Resp. He will feed His flock like a shepherd,  
He will gather the lambs in His arms. He will  
carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those  
that are with young.

All O come, let us worship and bow down, let  
us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He  
is our God, and we are the people of His  
pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

\*The Gloria Patri

The Advent Wreath Lighting

The Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16

John 10:7-16

The Hymn

118 - 1 & 6

The Scripture:

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:8-10

The Hymn

102 - 1 & 3

The Scripture:

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 9:6-7

Luke 2:10-12

The Hymn

107 - 1 & 4

The Offering

The Offering Prayer

The Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Luke 2:13-20

\*The Hymn

105

The Christmas Monologue - "Sam's Song"

The Candlelighting Ceremony

\*The Christmas Collect (all)

O God, You have made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of Jesus the  
true Light. Grant that, having known on  
earth the mysteries of that Light, we may  
also come to the fullness of His joys in  
Heaven where He lives and reigns with You  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever. Amen.

\*The Hymn

101

Extinguish Candles

\*The Hymn

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\*The Benediction

\*The Threefold Amen

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

Call to Worship: Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Call to Confession: God sent his Son into the  
world, not to condemn the world, but that  
through him the world might be saved. Let us  
call upon him in confession.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: God so loved the world  
that he gave his only begotten Son, that who  
soever believes in Him should not perish but  
have everlasting life. To those who come to  
him in humble confession he will in no wise  
cast out. Amen.



TRINITY CHURCH--111 SOUTH 2nd STREET OF NEW BLOOMFIELD  
 Ralph G. Link, Pastor  
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 8:00 A.M.  
 Christ Church, New Bloomfield 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP December 26, 1971

The Organ Prelude  
 \*The Sign of Peace 106  
 \*The Call to Worship  
 \*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
 Almighty and Eternal God, who didst create light and life, even as we come into thy presence we would hide ourselves from thee in shame. Our thoughts, words, and deeds are dark shadows upon us. Like the dust of old, we have strayed from thy ways, losing sight of thy light. Thou who come as light into our dark world, we have failed in times past to receive thee; so even now we fail in our perception of thy marvelous gift of light. Remove from us the shadows that we might stand in the radiance of him who is the light of the world; even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 \*The Kyrie  
 \*The Assurance of Pardon  
 The Scripture----Luke 2:1-20  
 \*The Gloria Patri  
 The Anthem (Trinity)  
 The Pastoral Prayer  
 The Choral Response (Trinity)  
 The Announcements  
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#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday Jan. 9th we will celebrate the Lord's Supper to begin the New Year. We will also receive into membership anyone desiring to unite with us.

The joint consistory meeting will be held Tues. Jan. 19th at 7:30 pm in Trinity Church, New Bloomfield.

#### TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory meeting Tues. Jan. 4th at 7:30 pm to conduct the regular business and to reorganize. *OFFER 10:00 A.M.*

#### CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular monthly consistory meeting will be held on Jan. 3rd at 7:30 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steale want to thank all those who sent cards for their 50th wedding anniversary.



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But alas no Messiah was forthcoming in Israel. Each year

dragged on as the one previous to it. Somehow each year seemed to get worse and each year drove the people deeper into despair. Who could really blame them for taking the birth of a baby in stride. It was merely another mouth to be fed in their already overcrowded land. Birth and death were so common, that few people paid much attention to it, unless they were directly involved.

The census called for by Caesar Augustus was responsible for the huge crowd in Bethlehem and the sight of a very common man along with a very common wife who was obviously very pregnant did not cause a stir or draw too much attention from anyone. Mary and Joseph arrived at the Inn and were not admitted. They were not being discriminated against, nor were they being shunned because no one wanted them. They had merely arrived a little too late to get lodging. The Inn was full and had Joseph complained to anyone, I am sure the reply would have been, "That's tough fella, you should have gotten here earlier. I feel for you but I can't reach you."

So Joseph and Mary went quietly and unobserved to the stable in back of the Inn. In this humble setting their baby was born. It wasn't until the messengers of God went to work that this birth took on any significance. But even then it didn't mean too much to too many, for after all the Messiah was to come in the form of a man and not as a child. After all, what could he do or accomplish? So this birth was accepted as another unfortunate birth and the family and child were mostly rejected.

The events surrounding this birth give us some thoughts for reflection. There are some things that should strike us as being all too familiar. The incident involving the Inn has been told and retold many times. The innkeeper has come into an awful lot of abuse down through the years. He has been accused by many preachers as the man who rejected Christ. But actually if we look at his side we can see



that he was a victim of circumstances. He had to take care of the customers on hand. He was concerned with the duties of being a good host to those who were signed up to stay there that night. Many have attacked him for his lack of hospitality, but have you ever heard the patrons of the Inn attacked for their lack of compassion and concern for an obviously pregnant woman? One would think that among all of them, someone would have offered to share their room or to double up to make room.

One day while she was walking with some children, Queen Mary was caught in a sudden shower. She took shelter on the porch of a nearby home and rang the doorbell. When the woman answered she asked for an umbrella. She did not identify herself as the queen, but tried to hide her identity by pulling her hat down over her face as much as she could. The clothing she was wearing was rather plain too because she did not wish to be recognized. The woman was hesitant to loan an umbrella to a stranger and particularly a good one. The queen had told her, "I'll send it back tomorrow," but the woman went to the attic and returned with an old umbrella, which was torn and ragged. One rib was broken and there was a hole in it.

The next day a man with gold braid on his uniform and an envelope called on this woman. "The queen sent me with this letter," he said, "and also asked me to thank you for the loan of your umbrella." The woman was stunned and burst into tears. "Oh what an opportunity I missed that I did not give her my very best," she cried.

The Innkeeper and the patrons of the Inn perhaps would have said the same thing had they realized who it was that was born in that stable, ~~because of their concern for themselves.~~ There is a lot of the innkeeper, and a lot of the spirit of the patrons of the Inn in each of us. We only have so much room in us and our desires and our wishes and wants come first. Get to the end of the line Lord Jesus, your turn will come when we get around to you.

One of the sad commentaries of life is the fact that hindsight is better than foresight. After an event is over and done with, we can always look back and say, "If I had done this instead of what I did, things would have worked out better." Or, "perhaps I would have acted differently had I known this would have happened."

Had the innkeeper known the Messiah was among them, he would have found room. Had the patrons known who Mary was carrying, they would have doubled up gladly. But you see they as well as we, only see our selfish whims that need to be taken care of. It is always our way that needs to be had, and in so many of the Inns of our lives there is no room for Jesus.

But with all of this and through all of these circumstances of the selfishness of man then and now, runs the thought and the reality that, "There is good news of a great Joy." The JOY of God coming to man. God meeting man more than halfway. God coming into his very existence. This is the good news that filled Bethlehem that very night. This is the ~~news that~~ good news that we have today, tonight and forever, that God came to earth in the form of a man and through the life and love of that man, we can live forever with our God.

What other good news is there possible, that can surmount this news? Can earthly goods, or wealth, or fame and fortune, or anything else surpass this good news? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us," as the Apostle Paul so aptly states.

The story is told of a young Christian girl who was visiting a friend and former associate of her father. The elderly man ~~asked~~ had sought the wealth and acclaim of the world and had done very well in getting both. The young lady's father was in financial difficulty as well as failing health. He asked the girl about her father and listened very carefully as she told of her father's patience in his trials and the cheerfulness with which he could face life or death. As she



finished telling him about her father, the man who was deeply troubled by the vast difference between their lives exclaimed, "You probably wonder why I cannot be as happy and serene as your father, he, but think of the difference. He is going to his treasure, and I -- I MUST LEAVE MINE."

Ah yes, there's good news today, tonight and forever. The news of great joy. Jesus Christ is born and he is waiting for each of us to make room in our hearts and lives for him. Will we turn him away because there is no room, or will we say as the hymn writer, "Come into my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee."